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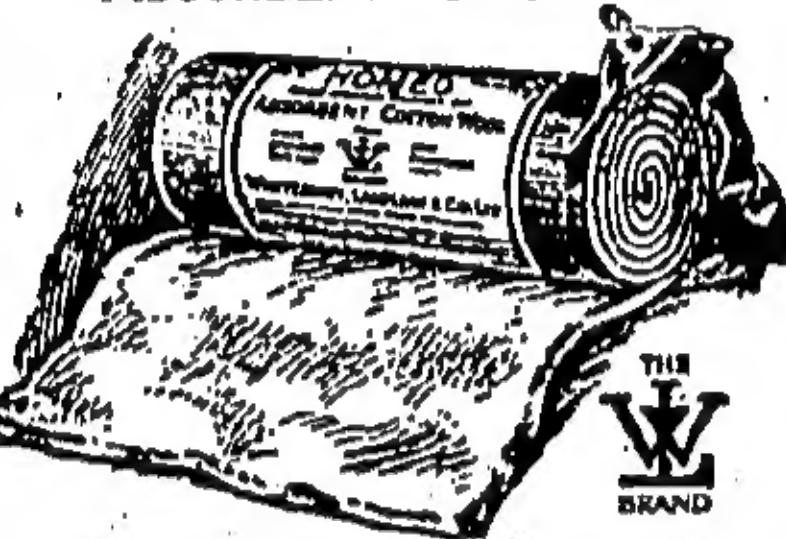
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"PEKING OR BURST."

HANKOW REDS' PLIGHT.

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ONLY ONE AVENUE OF ESCAPE LEFT

"Peking or burst!" represents the position of the Reds in Hankow who are gradually being encircled. They have only one avenue of escape left in the event of defeat, and if this is closed they will be prevented from taking flight into Mongolia. Meanwhile the panic in the city is still growing, and Chinese are besieging the shipping offices, offering almost any price for passages to Shanghai.

PERILOUS POSITION.

Only One Road Open For Escape.

Hankow, May 20.

"Peking or burst!" sums up the situation from the viewpoint of the Communist. "Government," for Hankow is gradually being encircled: by General Chiang Kai-shek, from the South and the East, General Yang Sen and Marshal Wu Pei-fu on the West, and Marshal Chang Tso-lin on the North. That is, at all points except the North-West.

This dangerous situation renders the advance of the latter in the direction of Chengchow imperative.

A Strategic City.

Chengchow is an important junction leading in one direction to Peking and in the other to Shensi, and the city must be held by the Communists if the latter's forces, in the event of defeat, are to escape to Mongolia, the path towards which lies through Shensi.

Red Spears Active.

Hankow leaders claim to have captured Siping, a hundred miles South of Chengchow, on the 14th, but the advance further North is meeting with considerable opposition, whilst the Red Spears—provincial guerrillas—are worrying the rear guards and interfering with communications. Southward of Hankow, the railway to Changsha, the capital of Hunan, continues to be interrupted.

Panic continues locally among the Chinese who are thronging the shipping offices on the waterfront and offering almost any price for passages to Shanghai.—Reuter.

HANKOW PANIC.

Martial Law In The Reds' Stronghold.

Rugby, May 19.

Martial law was declared in Hankow yesterday and reports indicate that considerable panic and nervousness prevail among the Chinese population owing to advance towards the city of the anti-Communist armies.—British Wireless Service.

Chiang's Levy Opposed.

Shanghai, May 18.

Many prominent Chinese merchants in Shanghai, both within and without the settlement, are now in danger of arrest for refusal to pay General Chiang Kai-shek (who arrived here with his bodyguard and staff this morning) the large contribution ordered, amounting in some cases to \$500,000. Feeling is said to be strongly against General Chiang Kai-shek on account of these measures.

Flagship's Challenge.

The Northern Flagship has issued a challenge to the Southern Naval Force to come out and fight a battle in the Fairway. It would appear that the South Naval vessels are concentrating on Wusung and His Majesty's ships and Merchantmen have been warned.

Not much damage was done to the Wusung forts by the bombardment at 10 a.m. by Northern Chinese cruisers who themselves were unhurt by the returning fire.

Shots at "Argus" Plane.

One of the "Argus" aircraft was fired on in the course of the interchange of shots, but no damage was done. The commandeering of steam launches and boats continues for the purpose of conveying troops

to Chinkiang and Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

Moves Against Reds.

Shao Tao-yen's troops, which are under Yang Sen, landed from the commandeered Portuguese steamer about seventy miles below Chenglin. They are the same as were engaged with Red troops from Wuchang yesterday, some 15 miles away.

Clash Expected.

Part of the 15th Hupeh army at Hanyang have declared themselves anti-Red and a clash is expected between them and part of the 8th Hunanese Army which is believed to be Red, and is also at Hanyang.

A claimed victory by the Southerners on the Honan front, against the Fengtien troops, has yet to be confirmed.

There is considerable troop movement locally and the "Reds" are reported to be standing by to retire to kilometre 10.—British Naval Wireless.

A Dash to Hankow.

Kiukiang, May 18.

Three thousand troops of the 6th Army have arrived from the direction of Nanchang and crossed to the North Bank.

About 20,000 troops are reported between Kichow and Wuyeh, hurrying towards Hankow. The exact units and their purpose have not been ascertained.—British Naval Wireless.

Advance from Pukow.

Nanking, May 18.

With the retreat of the Northerners, normal river traffic has resumed.

The Southerners have advanced 20 miles from Pukow.—British Naval Wireless.

Looting at Consulate.

Chinkiang, May 18.

The Consulate, which has been occupied by troops, was visited yesterday by the Consul and Senior Naval Officer and found to be in a filthy and untidy condition. Considerable looting has taken place.

There was gunfire across the river yesterday from the Southerners but there was no reply from the North Bank.—British Naval Wireless.

TROOPS IN CHINA.

Healthier Summer Quarters Suggested.

London, May 19.

Replying to Sir Walter De Frece (Conservative), Sir L. Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, said the situation in China had not yet become sufficiently stable to enable a decision to be taken as regards any reduction in the strength of the Shanghai Defence Force. The question of transferring sections of the force to more healthy adjacent stations in the coming summer had not been overlooked.—Reuter.

NAVAL FORCES.

China Strength Over Thirteen Thousand.

London, May 19.

In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel H. Day (Labour), Lt. Col. C. M. Headlam, on behalf of the Admiralty, said that the total naval personnel stationed on the China Station was approximately 13,500.—Reuter.

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CORDIAL FAREWELL.

French Visitors Leave London.

SCENES AT THE STATION.

Rugby, May 19.

There was a distinguished assemblage on the platform of Victoria Station to say farewell to President Doumergue and M. Briand, French Foreign Minister, when they returned to France this morning.

The King was present with the Prince of Wales, Prince George and the Duke of Connaught. Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, had a last

BRITAIN'S BUDGET.

Passed by the House of Commons.

London, May 19.

The House of Commons, by 287 to 110 votes, has passed the second reading of the Finance Bill.—Reuter.

conversation with M. Briand, while the President talked with the King.

The President's leave-taking of the King was most cordial. He was obviously delighted with the



PRESIDENT DOUMERGUE

great reception which has been accorded to him everywhere during his three days' stay in London.

At Dover naval, military and civil representatives gave the party a send off, and the President's steamer was escorted across the Channel by a British Destroyer Flotilla.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Messages.

London, May 19.

M. Doumergue has returned to Paris. According to a Foreign Office communique M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain held a long conversation, in the course of which they examined various international problems. The conversation was a most friendly one and showed a complete agreement of outlook. They were able to recognise once again the solidity of the entente cordiale and the necessity of strengthening the entente as the surest foundation of peace in Europe.—Reuter.

DAIRY FINED.

MILK NOT MIXED IN THE BOTTLES.

The proprietor of the Wong Ho Dairy, No. 7, Morrison Hill Road, was fined \$25 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell for selling milk which was 90 per cent. short in fat. The Government Analyst's certificate showed that the sample of milk analysed by him contained 2.73 per cent. of fat instead of the usual 3 per cent.

Mr. D'Donoghue was for the defence, and the case turned on the point that the milk, which was taken from a half-filled vat, would naturally contain a small per cent. less fat in the bottle, as cream had the tendency to rise to the top, so that the first few bottles would have to be more creamy.

Mr. Lindsell held that if the milk were properly mixed each time a bottle was filled the percentage of cream must be the same. A conviction was recorded on the dairy assistant's admission that he had not mixed the milk properly.

In imposing the fine Mr. Lindsell said that there was no question of water having been added to the milk.

FIENDISH REVENGE.

School Explosion Carefully Planned.

WIFE KILLED WITH AXE.

Bath, Michigan, May 19.

The total deathroll in the school explosion is forty-three and many were injured.

Investigations show that the explosion was the result of a carefully planned revenge by a mad farmer whose first act was to kill his sick wife with an axe, whereafter he carried her to the farm building which he blew up before going to the schoolhouse.—Reuter's American Service.

Yesterdays' cables stated:

At least thirty-five children were killed when the north wing of a four storey school building was completely destroyed by an explosion of dynamite. The school principal, one teacher and two passers-by were also killed. Shortly prior to the explosion at the school a farm house and barn, belonging to the school treasurer, Andrew Kehoe, were blown up and burned. Kehoe's body was found in front of the school building. The police discovered in a cellar of the school a huge quantity of dynamite. Local officials and police held the opinion that Kehoe, who was believed to have been in financial difficulties, was mentally unbalanced and caused the explosion by firing with a rifle into a box of explosives.—Reuter's American Service.

\$400,000 MORTGAGE.

WERE "INFANTS" INTERESTS PREJUDICED?

CONCLUDING ARGUMENT.

The \$400,000 mortgage case in which Loo Kwong-lam and Loo Kwong-hin sue for its annulment on the ground that they were infants at the time of its execution is drawing to a conclusion at the Supreme Court, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for the mortgagees, addressing the Court this morning.

Counsel dealt with the question of prejudice and said that, assuming that the contract was wholly void, a Court which was considering whether or not it would refuse relief to an infant plaintiff in the two circumstances before His Lordship in this case—because the infant was guilty of fraud or because he had acquired the money for the purpose of acquiring property which was mortgaged and had adopted the property—the Court would not even consider whether the contract into which he entered and raised money was to his prejudice or not.

Counsel submitted that if fraud was established, then the plaintiff could be put upon terms of placing the mortgagees where they were before. The terms the plaintiffs could be put upon in the present case in the relief they were seeking should be that they make good the money advanced with interest.

Mr. Justice Wood remarked that if he made that order and released the two plaintiffs from two-thirds of the mortgage, that would not restore the defendant to his proper position because at present he could sell the property. If two-thirds were withdrawn from the contract, then the security was reduced to an undivided two-thirds. The security would be reduced out of all proportion. Who was going to buy an undivided share?

Counsel, in the course of further legal argument, held that His Lordship could not find that this contract was clearly prejudicial to the benefit of the infants.

Earlier Evidence.

Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, was called for the defence yesterday afternoon and said that he had no reason for doubting Sung's honesty when Sung told him that Loo Kwong-hin was of age. As far as witness could remember Sung was a perfectly satisfactory servant and had not at any time to witness's knowledge been guilty of suppression or misrepresentation.

Witness was examined as to the commission which Sung had obtained out of the deal and admitted that it was "rather high." Witness declined to call their conduct dishonest if the other people knew, but preferred the word "greedy."

Mr. Potter: You realise that if it is true that all the surviving beneficiaries under the Deed of Trust are of age, that they are entitled as a matter of right to the distribution of their share of this property forthwith?—Yes.

And therefore, if these people were of full age and Sung knew it, he was really getting \$32,000 for nothing at all, because they would all get what they were entitled to under the Trust?—He did not do very much.

Legally he did nothing?—Well, he showed them the ropes, and did a great deal of work before the action was commenced. Mr. Potter: For which he received \$32,000. Doesn't it come to the fact that he got them nothing else except what they were entitled to under the Trust?—Witness replied he could not give an opinion at the moment. Mr. Potter: Well, you may take it from me?—Yes. The case was adjourned.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 15/16

ARCOS RAID.

No Compensation For Damage.

COMMONS DEBATE NEXT WEEK.

London, May 19.

Sir William Joyson-Hicks, Home Secretary, told Mr. T. Johnston (Labour) in the House of Commons that the Government did not propose to compensate Arcos Limited in respect of the damage done to safes and other property in the course of the raid on Arcos House. A magistrate was fully empowered to direct the issue of a search warrant affecting any firm in Britain if he was satisfied that an offence had been committed.—Reuter.

A Statement on Tuesday.

London, May 19. Sir William Joyson-Hicks, Home Secretary, asked the House of Commons to await the promised statement on the Arcos House raid until May 24, as the Government had not yet been able to complete its examination of the information obtained by the police or to determine the consequences thereof.—Reuter.

Debate Next Week.

Rugby, May 19. In the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) asked the Home Secretary whether he could now make a full statement regarding the raid on the premises of the Arcos Company and the Russian Trade Delegation and the result, if any, of the search.

Sir William Joyson-Hicks replied that the information which had come into the possession of the police as a result of the search of Arcos Building was of such a nature that it had not yet been possible for the Government to complete their examination or to determine the consequences of it. He would therefore respectfully ask the House to await his promised statement on Tuesday next.

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked that next Wednesday might be given for a debate on the whole question. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, offered to give next Thursday, as on Wednesday the Foreign Secretary had an important engagement. This was accepted.—British Wireless Service.

Diplomatic Privileges.

Rugby, May 19.

Replying to a question regarding the status of the head of the Russian Trade Delegation, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, stated: "Some confusion has arisen owing to the fact that M. Khiloplaghin, the predecessor of Mr. Khineuk, was not only official agent under the Trade Agreement but was also commercial counsellor to the Soviet Mission. It was only in his latter capacity that he was entitled to diplomatic privileges. The official agent is only entitled to the privileges provided for in the Trade Agreement. Commercial attaches to diplomatic missions in London are, of course, entitled to diplomatic privileges."—British Wireless Service.

A sensation was caused in London by the action of the police in raiding Arcos House where several Soviet organisations, including the Russian Trade Delegation, have their offices. The raid came as a complete surprise. None the less efforts were made to burn papers and the keys of some of the safes were taken away.

WEATHER FORECAST.

S.E. winds, moderate; generally overcast, some rain, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

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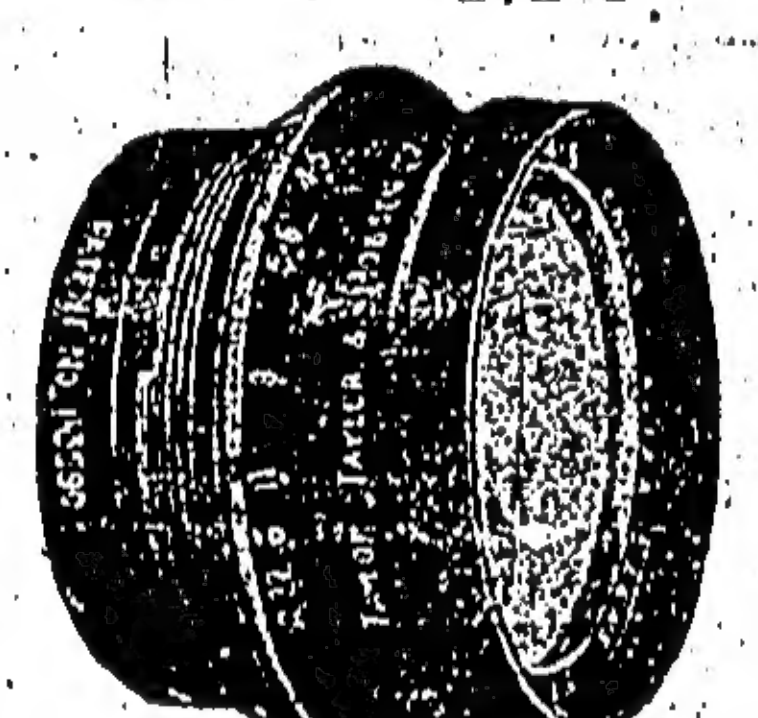
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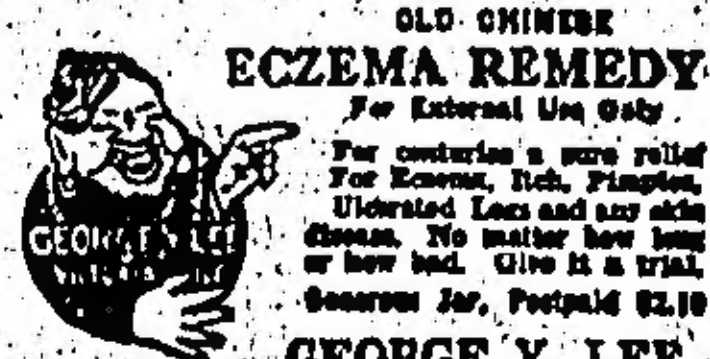
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(sgd.) W. J. STOKES,
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Notice of First General Meeting
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at the Company's Offices, on
SATURDAY, the 21st of May, 1927,
at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
General Managers, together with a
Statement of Accounts to the 31st
of December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
17th to 21st of May, both days
inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1927.

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THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the
Shareholders of the above Company
will be held at the Offices of the
General Agents, Pedder Street, on
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at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
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KEEP SANE THOUGH
MARRIED.

THE MISTAKE WOMEN MAKE.

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"What in Heaven's name, did he see in that woman?" You have often asked this question after meeting the dull wife of a live man for the dull wife allied to the live husband is one of the commonest cankers at the heart of marriage.

"I think we may take it (writes Olga Hall-Brown in the "Sunday Chronicle"), that nearly every bride goes a hundred per cent. alive to the altar, and begins the dying process after marriage. Again and again I have seen the personality that enslaved a man wilt and die in his kitchen, and another marriage that was going to be "the best ever" has turned out as dull as usual.

Men are to blame for it. But women make this mistake: They expect a perfectly ordinary husband to have the vision to see life from a wife's point of view, and give time and thought to fashioning the life with the man and the man with this vision and creative energy is no ordinary husband. He is a compound of an editor, a movie producer, Elton Glyn, the Archangel Gabriel, and Arnold Bennett, and there is no such person.

What wives have got to do is keep sane in spite of their husbands, and from the very beginning they must hold on to their contacts with life and not let go.

Girls who alliance themselves to their mental afflictions suffer from a common delusion. They believe that the men who come to them full of news about the latest thought-provoking play, or send them the newest epoch-making book will carry this eager mind friendship into marriage, and that experiences shared and views exchanged will continue to provide the mental stimulus required to keep the mind alive in a married woman. Alas, what a delusion!

Full of love and optimism, the ordinary young man leads his ordinary young bride to the altar. He has been going to business every day, and will continue to do so, the only difference being that he will come to a home of his own and the most wonderful girl in the world every night.

She has been educated in the extraordinary way girls are educated nowadays, so that she is filled with everything except a knowledge of homemaking, wifehood, motherhood, male psychology, and mental self-dependence. She has had a good time, and life has kept her lively and attractive. Now she is going to learn by doing it how not to muddle through, and she is going to depend on her husband to keep her mind awake and her life full of interest.

All For You, Dear.

It will be some time before it dawns on her that husbands do not try to make their wives happy. They consider their obligations discharged when they have explained that the work they are doing, and would be doing in any case, married or single, is "all for you, dear."

When she has discovered that the average marriage is a water-tight compartment of loneliness, economy, monotony, infant welfare and very little fun, it is too late to go back to where her vitality left off.

A husband should put some constructive effort into making a social circle for his wife. He should share books and plays and marital experience. He should see that his wife has the recreation necessary to keep her in good health and good spirits.

He should not be content to come home every day and do absolutely nothing of his own accord to feed the mind and stimulate the personality of his wife.

I smile to myself on Saturday mornings. I see city men taking home violet and chocolate to their wives. These sentimental violets—they might mean anything. The sudden pricking of a gully conscience—the line of least resistance—a strong feeling of duty or a faithful heart.


They are a frightfully pretty creature, possibly inspired by inexplicable complaints at home or even by an article for half-witted husbands in "Home Gas." They mean anything but creative endeavor. They mean a mating of minds. They are not to be compared in gallantry with the choice of a two-shilling book. They are the insignia of men's misunderstanding.

Hold on to Life.

So I say to you, whether you are wives or girls about to marry, keep sane in spite of your husband! He should try to make you happy, but he won't. That would imply the mental acrobatics necessary for a man to see life from a woman's point of view, and few husbands have agile minds.

You must keep yourself alive. You must hold on to life and expect no assistance. Cease complaining of the monotony of your days, and cease expecting the miracle of the observant husband. Go out and see plays and buy books and make friends and interests for yourself. Keep your mental vitality and your sex attraction. Let no other woman pity your husband because of you.

Public speaking to me is a perfect horror. I would rather sit round a table or on a committee where I can count—Mr. Frank Hodges.



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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, May 19.

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Hong Kong, 19th May, 1927.

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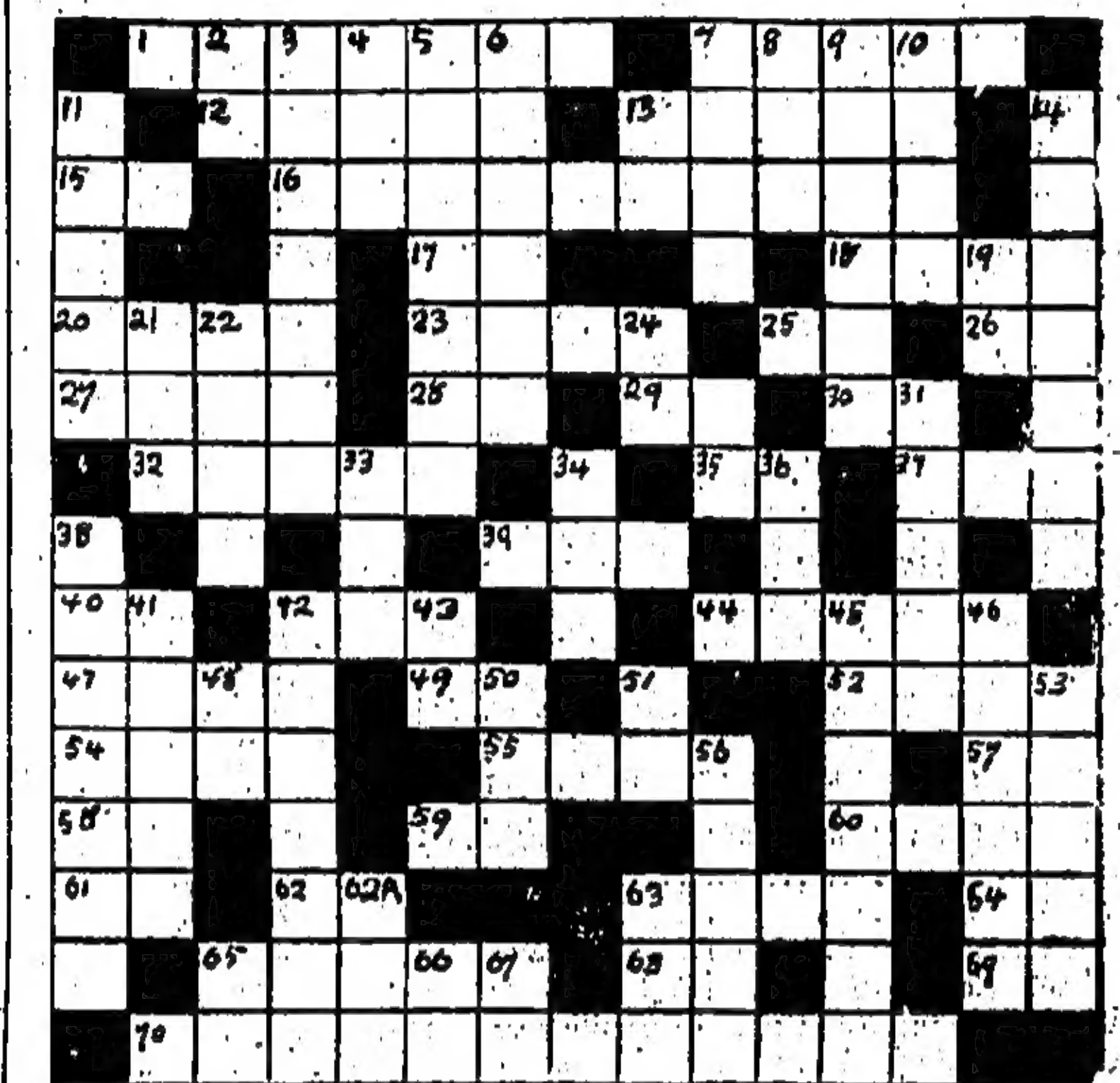
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- | Across. | Down. |
|---|--|
| 1. Manifests. | 2. T. B. (actual). |
| 3. Consequential. | 3. Part of machine moved by the foot. |
| 4. Pierce. | 4. E. E. V. (actual). |
| 5. To cause to rise. | 5. Kissed with violence. |
| 6. A prefix meaning iteration. | 6. Fits for insertion into a mortice? |
| 7. Vanishing. | 7. The grampus. |
| 8. A prefix signifying in conjunction. | 8. A wave. |
| 9. Largest great division of the globe. | 9. Natural. |
| 10. Imitated servilely. | 10. Captures by wile. |
| 11. A protuberance. | 11. To make a harsh grating sound. |
| 12. Denotes presence. | 12. C. S. (actual). |
| 13. T. R. (actual). | 13. Knotted. |
| 14. A rude, rustic, rough man. | 14. Impersonal neuter pronoun. |
| 15. A. S. (actual). | 15. A fit of peevishness. |
| 16. E. O. (actual). | 16. Strays from the right path. |
| 17. E. O. (actual). | 17. Same as 49 across. |
| 18. To bend. | 18. Musical drama. |
| 19. Out of the common path. | 19. A point. |
| 20. A magpie. | 20. To rise in blisters; breaking in white froth. |
| 21. Doomed. | 21. A hiccup. |
| 22. L. S. (actual). | 22. An injection. |
| 23. Japanese lady's sash. | 23. An oriental soldier disciplined in the European manner. |
| 24. Uncommon. | 24. A town in ancient Greece. |
| 25. A sharp loud outcry. | 25. I. P. (actual). |
| 26. Father. | 26. The rapid reiteration of tones without any apparent cessation. |
| 27. A hostile incursion. | 27. To concur. |
| 28. Vigorous. | 28. L. R. (actual). |
| 29. Yellow part of an egg. | 29. Towards. |
| 30. Moderation. | 30. Myself. |
| 31. Honey (French). | 31. E. Y. (actual). |
| 32. Same as 49 across. | 32. A water game. |
| 33. A water game. | 33. E. I. (actual). |
| 34. E. I. (actual). | 34. An article of food. |
| 35. E. U. (actual). | 35. London district (abbreviated). |
| 36. A legume. | 36. V. B. (actual). |
| 37. A walking about. | 37. North Britain (abbreviated). |
| | 38. D. U. (actual). |

[Clue No. 61 Across should read E. Y. (actual) instead of E. Y. actual].
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"Soochow," has gone master,
"Chungking."

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"Szechuen," is on reserve.

Mr. J. W. Kennedy, from re-
serve, has gone chief engineer,
"Szechuen."

Mr. L. Bones, from reserve, has
gone acting chief officer, "Tung-
wo."

Mr. C. V. Bishop, chief officer,
"Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. W. W. Colquhoun has been
appointed temporary second en-
gineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. J. M. Meikle, chief officer,
"Leesang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. M. Sturgeon, from re-
serve, has gone chief officer, "Lee-
sang."

Mr. G. A. R. Powell, from re-
serve, has gone second officer,
"Leesang."

Mr. B. Steffenson, second of-
ficer, "Sutai," is on reserve.

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serve, has gone chief engineer,
"Sutai."

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"Kaiping," is on reserve.

Mr. E. Svensson, from reserve,
has gone third engineer, "Kaiping."

— "Shipping and Engineering."

Extreme modesty is as bad as
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Liquidation Department; what
amount out of this total had been
credited under miscellaneous re-
ceipts; what amount, if any, had
been otherwise dealt with; and whether
any further receipts were an-
ticipated from this source.

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INNOVATION TO-DAY.

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During the other hours of the day Route No. 6 buses will run on Prince Edward Road, as at present.

LITTLE GIRL CHARGED.

A 12-year-old Chinese girl was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with picking the pocket of a Chinese woman and stealing eleven \$1 notes.

According to the evidence given by the complainant, the theft occurred in a second-hand shop in Yaumati. The victim felt a tug at her coat and looking down saw that two buttons had been undone. The little girl was seen dashing out of the shop. The complainant and a friend gave chase. After a long run through several alleys the girl dashed into a house. The pursuers followed and caught her in the kitchen. The girl at first denied she was the culprit, but eventually, under pressure, said she took ten \$1 notes out of her pocket and handed them over to the complainants. As she refused to part with the remaining dollar she was marched to the police station by her captors. When she was searched by the police no other money was found on her.

A 48 hours' remand was given for the girl's father to be brought to Court. He was a seaman according to her and was at present out of port.

UNCLE TAKES A HAND.

After teasing a Chinese detective's niece by throwing sawdust at her, a Chinese youth found himself before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

According to the prosecution the girl and her little cousin, the detective's child, were watching a street performer opposite the Kowloon City Police Station when accused committed the offence complained of. Accused was grabbed by a Chinese constable, but the girl's uncle came out of the station just then and himself marched the accused to the "lock-up."

Accused's story was that he was collecting firewood which he had left out to dry when some children started picking up the wood. He went up to the girl complainant and reprimanded her, whereupon her uncle came out and assaulted him and then handed him over to a constable with instruction to give him a further "hiding."

The case was adjourned.

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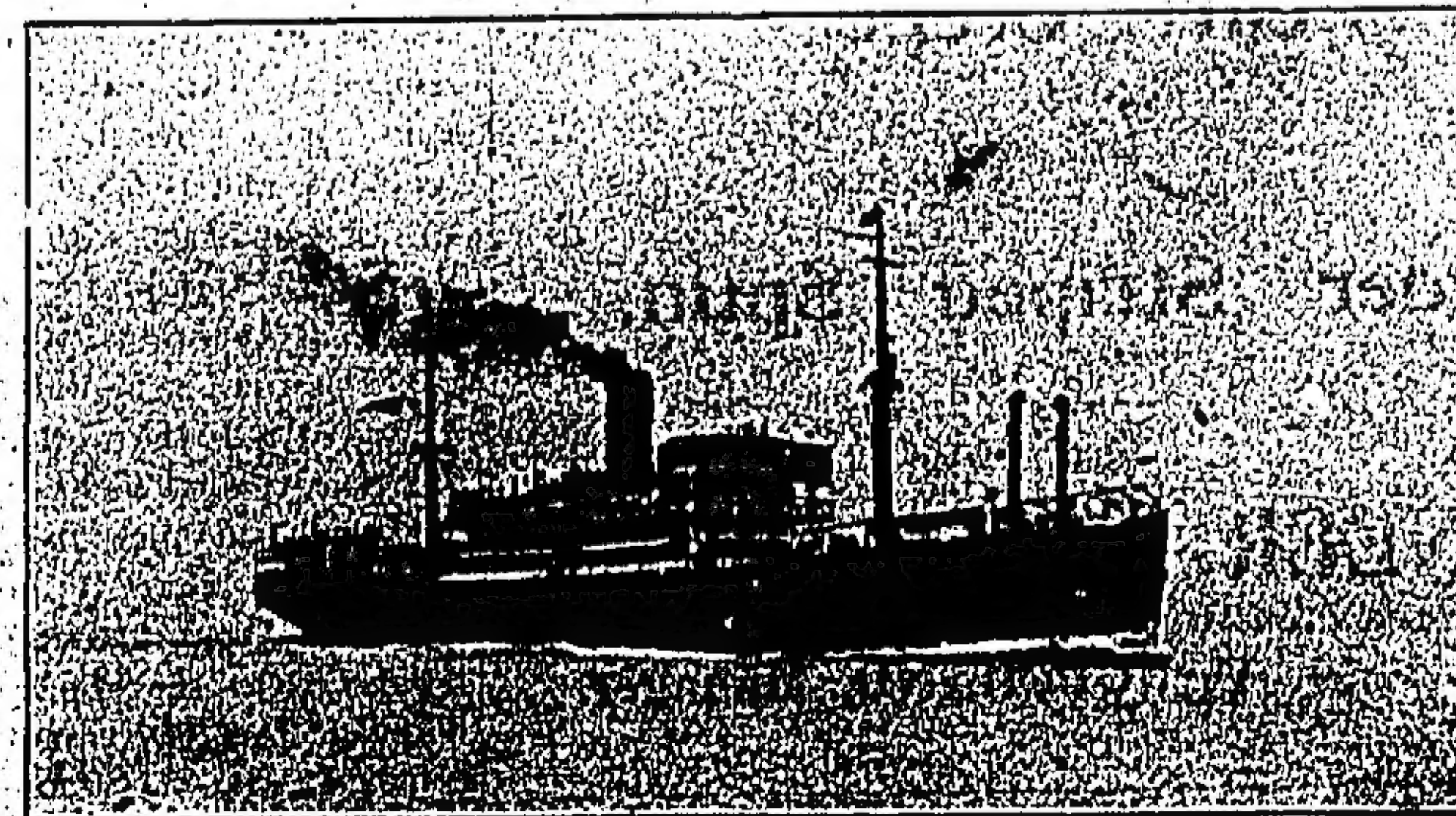
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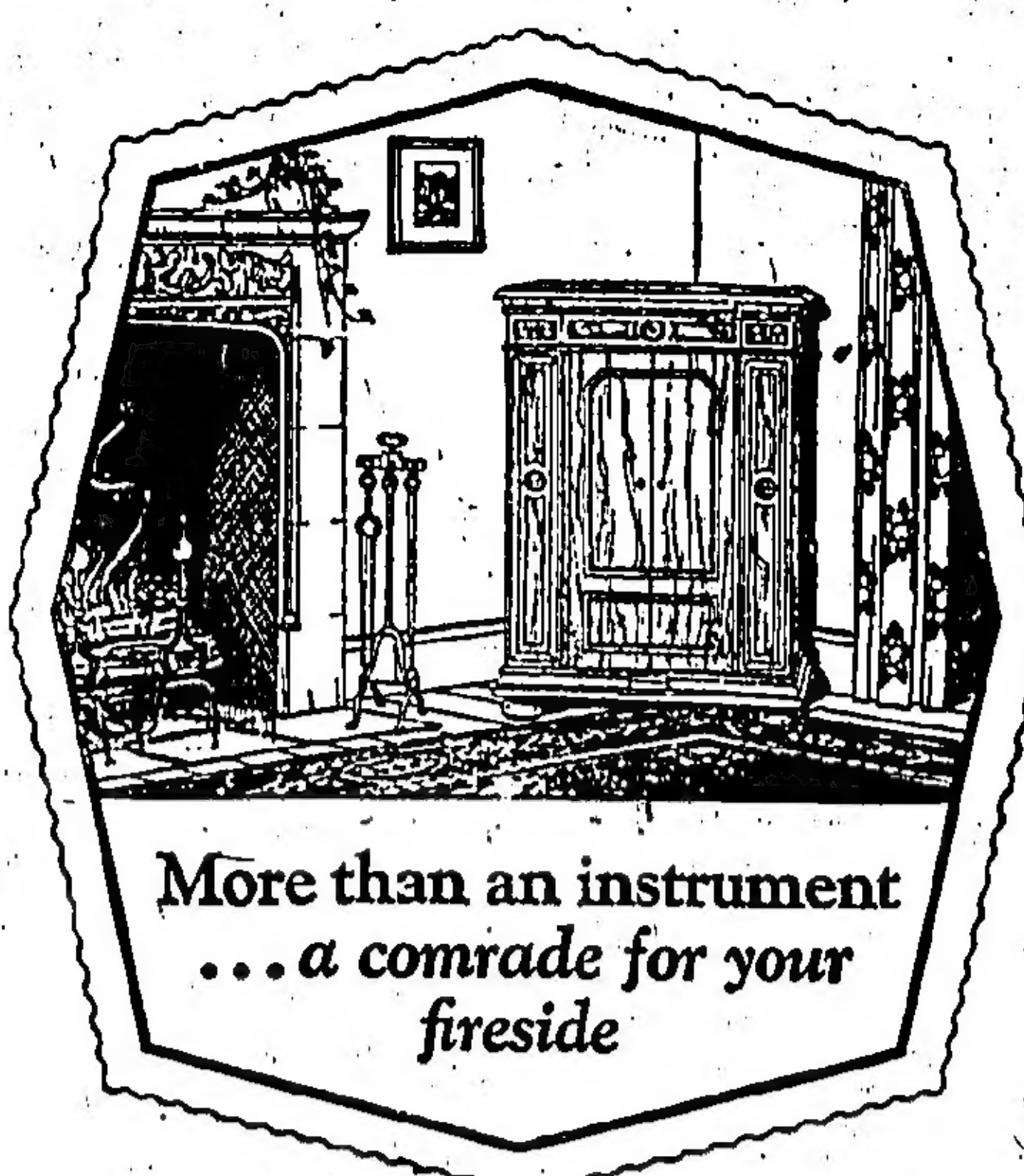
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MR. C. C. WU'S STATEMENT.

General Chiang Kai-shek's Foreign Minister, besides being the son of a distinguished father—the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang was one of China's grand old men—commands respect for his marked personal abilities. Moreover, Mr. C. C. Wu has the legal mind, having been trained as a British barrister, and this will be a useful asset to him in his new sphere, preventing him from falling into the mistakes which have brought about the downfall of Mr. Eugene Chen and "my Government." The sense of restraint which comes with the faculty of being able to see that there may be two sides to a question is to be noted already in the statement issued by Mr. C. C. Wu regarding the foreign policy of the Nanking Government. This statement contains none of the rhetoric, blind prejudice and reckless abuse of Mr. Eugene Chen, with his rantings about the "brutal Imperialism" and his vauntings about the might of the Kuomintang. Mr. C. C. Wu tells the world, quietly and clearly, what he has to say—how the Kuomintang has risen to power and what it hopes to achieve. After referring to the break with the Reds, using language that is pleasantly mild compared with the venom of Mr. Eugene Chen on the same subject, Mr. C. C. Wu speaks of emancipating China from "her state of international bondage" to secure for her "an equal status in the family of nations, a status to which her civilization, resources and population entitle

her." There is nothing in that with which any fair-minded foreigner can quarrel, though he may reasonably point out that "the international bondage" comprises measures which were intended to protect the lives and property of peaceful, not to say friendly, strangers within the gate. Mr. C. C. Wu himself admits this in another passage when he is preaching the abrogation of the treaties, urging, as a reason why they should be cancelled, that "they have failed to accomplish the supposed object of protecting foreign interests and promoting foreign trade." But Mr. C. C. Wu, if he will pardon us for saying so, gives only half the picture. Surely he would not attempt to deny, taking the detached view one may expect from the legal mind, that foreign lives would have been in far greater danger had there been no Concessions during the recent troubles, not to mention, either, the periods of unrest in the past. Therefore the fact that foreign lives have been lost does not by any means disprove the value of the Concessions—it merely emphasizes the weakness of the Government professing to rule the territory where mobs have got out of hand. Mr. C. C. Wu in claiming that the treaties have failed to protect the lives and property of foreigners is really adducing a reason why the Concessions should be retained, for if a government cannot subdue the violent impulses of the mob, it is not strong enough to rule, and there can be no security within its territory, either now or in the future, for anyone who may become an object of popular enmity through a real or a fancied grievance. Mr. C. C. Wu is on safer ground when he appeals to the foreign Powers for their goodwill. The Powers have already given proof of their desire to help China to win through to full nationhood, and if the Nanking Government, in its efforts to secure the abrogation of the treaties, really confines itself to "legitimate means," as Mr. C. C. Wu declares it will, instead of employing the methods of insult and violence which have led to the British break with Hankow, General Chiang Kai-shek's regime may look for sympathy and consideration. There is one word of warning, however, that must be uttered. Everyone will agree with Mr. C. C. Wu that "foreign interests are best protected and foreign trade is best promoted by

mutual goodwill"—as Mr. Winston Churchill said, you do not shoot your customers—but it is not enough for Mr. C. C. Wu merely to appeal to the foreign governments and peoples to display "far-sighted statesmanship and practical wisdom." The Nanking Government has its obligations too. Simply promising to "do all in its power to protect foreign life and property according to the generally accepted rules of international law" is not enough. The Nanking Government must fulfill that pledge to the uttermost. Moreover it must do this without waiting for the treaties to be abrogated. The Nanking Government must remember that, antiquated as it says the treaties are, a convincing case can be made out, as we have shown above, for retaining them until such time as it has proved before all the world it is the strong responsible government for which the Powers have been waiting so that they can make the final concessions they are ready to make to the Chinese people. Mr. C. C. Wu can appeal to the Powers to show "far-sighted statesmanship and practical wisdom" but he has yet to prove that he can make the appeal in the name of the Chinese people. The Powers have not yet been allowed to forget another gentleman who made so bold as to speak for a united China, nor the fate that has overtaken him. This does not mean that we are comparing Mr. C. C. Wu with Mr. Eugene Chen, but merely that we are reminding Mr. C. C. Wu that there is another side to the picture. After all the Powers are entitled to expect the Nanking Government to learn to walk before it tries to run—in other words to prove that the treaties are really needed no longer before it asks to have them finally swept away.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DR. C. C. WU.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
SIR.—Before British optimists, with short memories, in Great Britain and the Far East tumble over one another in praise of Dr. C. C. Wu's recent moderately-worded Nanking manifesto, it is advisable to recollect that this same gentleman was Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in the Canton Government, at the time of the Shamen incident of June 23, 1925, and that he was one of the first to spread abroad, in connection with that incident, the lying propaganda that the British and French Forces on Shamen had without any provocation fired upon a procession of peaceful Chinese.

Yours, etc.,

JUNIUS.

Hong Kong, May 20.

[Our correspondent Junius is quite correct in what he says about Mr. C. C. Wu's past record. However Mr. C. C. Wu appears to have undergone a change of heart since he left Canton, witness a speech he made at the Union Club at Shanghai, at a time when he had no prospects of becoming a foreign affairs official again. Moreover the fact remains that, whatever he may have been in the past, Mr. C. C. Wu is Foreign Minister of the Nanking Government, and must be dealt with as such. The British Government dealt with Mr. Eugene Chen, and Mr. C. C. Wu is entitled to similar treatment. Of course if Mr. C. C. Wu follows Mr. Chen's example, he may expect the same consequences. Until then it seems only fair to give him a chance to prove the sincerity of his words.]

AN UNREPORTED MEETING.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

SIR.—With reference to the advertisement which appeared in the local papers recently concerning a meeting of shareholders of the "China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.," called for the 18th inst. at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., to decide upon two very important resolutions circulated among shareholders; both of which were submitted to a Poll and passed by a majority of well over 200,000 votes each, it will be of interest to me, and doubtless to many others to know why a matter of such vital

"CAPPY RICKS."

WILBUR PLAYERS IN GREAT FORM.

KYNES OUTKYNED.

"Cappy Ricks" seems to revel in storms. When the Wilbur Players put it on at a matinee in Shanghai there was what a contemporary called "abominable weather," but that did not stand in the way of an excellent attendance. Yesterday the heavens opened and the rains descended for the greater part of the afternoon and evening, and yet there was almost a crowded house at the Star Theatre to see the Wilbur Players give the dramatized version of Peter B. Kyne's famous book, "Cappy Ricks."

The original of the blustering shipping magnate of Mr. Kyne's book is known to all of us in the East, but in the hands of Mr. Baker Aldren P. Ricks proved a "scream" from beginning to end. He was brusqueness personified, and yet with a human touch in matters affecting his own daughter that only added to the great success of the comedy as such. As Peter B. Kyne made "Cappy Ricks" in book form, so does Mr. Baker make him in comedy—a man, to use "Cappy's" own words, whom you simply adore and yet await your chance to strangle! There is something appealing in a man of this nature—who will rave at you for wearing out his office carpet and yet admire you (behind your back) for standing up to him in a good straight business fight. Of course those who—like the writer—have met the original "Cappy Ricks" in real life will say that the representation of him in literature and comedy is (as was the report of Mark Twain's death) "grossly exaggerated." Even so, this was quite unable to stem the flood of uproarious laughter, in which the audience indulged in last night at the Star. They simply could not help themselves. And that is the best possible compliment that could be paid to the production of "Cappy Ricks" by the Wilbur Players.

The other members of a very strong cast ably supported Mr. Baker. If there was a suspicion of exaggeration here, too, it was excusable looking to the uproariously funny nature of the whole piece.

This we can say—if you want a whole night of complete merriment, go and see "Cappy Ricks" at the Star Theatre to-night.

To-morrow the company present "The Family Upstairs" both at the matinee and in the evening.

"HUNG UP."

ALLEGED VIOLENCE TO A WOMAN.

PRISONER DISCHARGED.

Quarrels between two Chinese and one of their wives as to money loans led to the appearance of one of the men at the Criminal Sessions yesterday charged with robbery and ill-treatment of the wife in question, who alleged that prisoner with others had gagged her and "hung her up" on the wall, her toes barely touching the ground, so that she was in danger of strangulation.

The woman's statement was to the effect that the prisoner behaved thus as he had been refused a loan, and the defendant's story was that the woman had made up a false story against him because she was annoyed with defendant for not having paid back money borrowed from her husband.

Defendant was discharged.

Sitting here I have learnt that a shilling is of some moment to some people.—Mr. Registrar Friend (Clerkenwell County Court).

Away with these quack jerry-builders who call themselves architects, and give us instead export enthusiasts who will give beauty even to the lines of a two-roomed house.—Col. T. C. Moore, M.P.

Mr. Churchill never was a Conservative and never will be. He is, in racing language, a pie-bald colt sired by "terminological," inexactitudes and damned by sportsmen of this country.—Commander Collingwood Hughes.

Importance was not reported in the local Press.

Yours, etc.,

INTERESTED.

Hong Kong, May 20.

[The meeting was a private one and reporters therefore were not present at the proceedings. Hence the absence of any report in this paper.—Editor, "China Mail."]

"TOAST NIGHT."

AFTER-DINNER SPEECHES AT Y.M.C.A.

TRIBUTE FROM SERVICES.

It was "Toast Night" at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday, directors and members and a few outside friends meeting at dinner and various toasts being proposed and responded to. The dinner was organised in connection with the Literary and Debating Committee and Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, chairman of the directors, presided.

Replying to the toast of the Services, proposed by Mr. A. May, Major E. J. Bone, R.E. said that all Service men owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Y.M.C.A. for all it had done for them. There was little privacy in a Private's life and the Y.M.C.A. provided him with a place where he could withdraw himself and become a private citizen for a time.

"Mudford."

The toast of "Mudford" was submitted by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach and, in reply, Mr. F. E. G. Munn caused considerable amusement by referring to the many changes for the better that the "Socialist" party had been able to introduce.

Responding to the toast of "The Visitors" (proposed by Mr. A. McArthur), Mr. H. Glover said he quite thought when he left Southampton that he had left behind all that stood for England, but yet, when he arrived in Hong Kong, he walked into the Y.M.C.A. during the Mudford campaign and found a body of Britishers working hard for each other's entertainment.

Mr. A. A. Dand proposed "The Gopher" (replied to by Mr. C. Howell), an element of humour being introduced in the way of golfing characteristics and language.

The Press.

Dr. Ashton proposed the Press, commenting on the speed at which journalists worked and on the fact that whatever a Doctor could do for a man, the Press always had the last word in the way of an obituary notice.

In reply, Mr. W. J. Keates said he thought that the public got the kind of Press it deserved. Fifty per cent. of modern journalism, he was sorry to say, consisted in pandering to the insatiable greed of everybody into anybody's business but their own.

The final toast was that of the Chairman and Board of Directors, proposed by Mr. T. V. Harmon, convenor of the Literary and Debating Committee. Referring to the presence of several of the directors there that evening, Mr. Harmon said that their presence showed that they took a great interest in the activities of the Association and he hoped the occasion would not mark an isolated visit but would be the beginning of a greater intimacy between the directors and the members.

Tribute To Directors.

Mr. Harmon referred to the long association some of the Directors had had with Y.M.C.A. work and spoke with appreciation of the work of Mr. McPherson and Mr. Hunt. Mr. Cousland, with whom he particularly associated this toast, was shortly leaving the Colony on retirement. He had been a great friend to the Y.M.C.A. and his keen interest as Chairman in the Literary and Debating Committee had had much to do with its success.

Mr. Cousland, in reply, referred to the pleasure it had given him to be associated with the Literary and Debating Committee. Those contributing to an excellent programme of entertainment were Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. A. Lake, Mr. H. Glover and Mr. H. G. Fountain.

The billiard challenge cup won by Mr. W. Taylor in the recent tournament was presented by the Chairman.

INDIANS ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Yesterday afternoon further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the case in which five Indian watchmen were charged with assaulting the head watchman of Watson's aerated water factory, and two compatriots. Dr. J. R. Craig said complainant had a scalp wound about four inches long and half an inch deep. He stayed in hospital for three days. One of the other men had a scalp wound and one on the forehead. His injuries were not serious and they were put right in one night. All the injuries could have been caused with sticks or by falling down.

Mr. McCallum, for the defence, said that none of his clients carried sticks. The complainant fell and broke his head in the course of a melee. An adjournment was given until to-day.

UNION INSURANCE.

Business of Year Reviewed.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Somewhat less underwriting profits for the year were reported at the annual general meeting this morning of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd.

The effect of exchange—the heavy drop in the sterling equivalent of the dollar—on the figures in the balance sheet were referred to, also the restriction of Automobile business with America.

Mr. T. G. Weall presided over the meeting, supported by Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. D. O. Russell, Mr. J. K. Rousfield (Directors), Mr. P. Paul (General Manager), Mr. H. C. Gray (Sub Manager), and the following shareholders: Messrs. B. Montague, Ede, T. G. Weall, G. S. Archbutt, John Bentley, C. E. Meyer, W. J. G. Whitley, R. A. Duster, J. M. Gordon, C. C. Black, J. K. Bousfield, J. H. Taggart, S. W. Stapleton, F. S. Dinsdale, Ho Kom Tong, L. J. Davies, A. McCurdie, J. A. Worswick, H. C. B. Way, R. D. Reid, A. A. Hannibal, W. F. Gardner, A. S. D. Gould, J. Owen Hughes, A. H. M. da Silva, J. F. Wright, D. O. Russell, W. Kitchell, C. G. Burnie, W. E. Smith, H. E. L. Dowbiggin, J. Ormiston, W. E. L. Shenton, J. W. Alabaster, A. Sommerfeld, A. Stevenson, E. W. G. de Gualy, Frank Austin, H. Ruttonjee, F. B. Silva, V. R. V. Ribeiro, L. E. N. Ryan, M. Manuk, D. F. Ribeiro, John Fleming, B. M. C. da Cunha, Sum Pak-ming, J. M. dos Remedios and A. E. S. Alves.

Chairman's Speech.

Mr. T. G. Weall said: In the absence of the Chairman I have been called upon to preside at this meeting, and before dealing with the Report and Accounts, I would like to say how very pleased I am to have this opportunity of welcoming Mr. G. de Gualy, the Society's General Manager, from Australia, who has arrived from Sydney on short visit to the Colony. Mr. G. de Gualy has rendered the Society faithful and valuable service for a period of nearly 20 years, and I am sure we are all glad to have him here among us. (Applause).

I am further very pleased to see that Mr. C. M. G. Burnie, our Shanghai Manager, is also present. (Applause).

The Report and Accounts have been laid in your hands for some days which will have given you time to examine the figures and I propose therefore to follow our usual custom and take them as well as the Auditors' Report as read.

Working Account.

The Working Account for the year 1926 after payment of an Interim Dividend of 24s. per share and a Bonus to Contributors of business shows that the balance available for distribution amounts to £208,935.15.4., and your Directors recommend that this balance should be appropriated as follows:—

A Final Dividend of 16s. per share and a Bonus Dividend of 5s. per share on 135,000 shares be paid to Shareholders, absorbing £141,750, and that the Balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1926.

The Balance of the Working Account for the year 1926 amounts to £418,245.11.10., and your Board recommend that an Interim Dividend of 24s. per share should be paid to Shareholders, absorbing £162,000, that a Bonus of 20s. be paid to Contributors of business on Bonus terms absorbing about £20,000., and that the remainder be carried forward.

Heavy Settlements.

The Year 1926 has not been a good one for marine insurance business in general, and towards its end there were several major casualties which will make the second year's settlements somewhat heavy.

The same scramble for good cargo rates continues and in consequence rates have steadily declined. We can only hope that the steady influence which are at all times attempting to keep the market from making wild reductions in rates will prevail and that increased premium may be available in the future.

As regards the Hull Market, it would appear that several very necessary reforms have been effected, but whether Hull business as a whole will leave a profit we think is very doubtful.

Underwriting Profits.

The balance standing to the credit of the Society's 1926 marine account is less than the balance of the 1925 account at a corresponding date, but we nevertheless anticipate a fair margin of profit. The Fire and General accounts, owing to adverse results in Canada, Australia and the United States of America, are not altogether favourable, and the total underwriting profits for the period are therefore somewhat less than those of the preceding year.

Turning to the figures in the Society's Balance Sheet you will notice that our Sterling Reserve now stands at £300,000, which includes the amount of £78,000 transferred last year from the Reinsurance Fund.

After taking this transfer into account you will notice that the Reinsurance fund shows an appreciation of some £24,000 over last year's figure.

Underwriting Suspense Account compared with last year's figure shows an increase of nearly £50,000 which may be considered satisfactory.

Exchange Drop.

Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account stands at £379,125.3.8., as against £746,800.2s. 9d. in the preceding year, which shows a diminution of £167,674.19.1.

This is almost entirely accounted for by the heavy drop in the Sterling equivalent of the Dollar, our Balance Sheet totals being converted at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's closing T/T rate of Exchange on December 31, 1926, which was 1s. 11½d. as compared with 2s. 4½d. the previous year, and a heavy drop in our Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account was therefore inevitable.

Exchange has had a material effect upon all the figures in the Balance Sheet and this feature may perhaps be more fully appreciated by noting the Sterling Equivalent of our Silver Reserve Fund of \$3,000,000, which this year stands at £293,750.—as against £354,687.10.0.—last year showing a decrease in this one item alone of no less than £60,937.10.0.

You will notice that our Interest on Investments has somewhat declined, this being partly due to smaller interest earnings in the United States, and further these accounts are materially affected by Exchange. We hope, however, for some improvement in the future.

First Class Investments.

We have followed our usual custom and taken our Investments at the Market rates ruling at the close of the year. Our Funds, Gentlemen, are invested in first class securities widely distributed over our various fields of operation. The Society and its affiliated Companies has for example at date over One Million Sterling invested in British Government and British Dominion Government Securities.

During the past year there has been a further curtailment in that part of the Society's business transacted in the United States which we have found unprofitable. I refer particularly to the Automobile Account to which reference was made by my predecessor in the Chair last year.

During the year 1926, we reinsured a portion of this account and in 1925, further reinsurance was effected, whilst during the year under review, the Society reinsured the whole of its outstanding liability on this account and ceased to transact Automobile business in the United States other than to a very limited extent on the Pacific Coast.

Automobile Insurance.

We have been writing this class of insurance in the United States since the year 1913, and whilst the underwriting results over this period do not show a favourable outcome, the loss entailed has been offset to a considerable extent by the interest gained on the Premium Reserve. I was felt however, that our prospects in the Automobile field were not of a sufficiently attractive and promising nature to warrant our continuing the business except upon very conservative lines.

As regards the Society's Fire operations in the United States, these have also been largely curtailed during the current year, and at the present time, the main account, apart from a restricted and profitable business transacted on the Pacific Coast, has been reinsured in full.

This reinsurance has only recently been effected and while it will naturally entail some falling off in Premium Income, we are satisfied that this will have no adverse effect on our underwriting results. In the meantime I think it right that you should know that our Fire liability in the United States has been reduced to a low figure.

I think you will agree, Gentlemen, that, bearing in mind the conditions at home and difficulties abroad, the figures before you speak well for the care of your interests by the Staff and you will heartily approve our following the usual custom of voting a Bonus of 15 per cent. on salaries to the credit of Members of the Staff holding Provident Fund Agreements (appliance).

Conditions in China.

It is needless for me to make long reference to the disturbed conditions existing in China, as these are well known to you all. Whilst the Society is not dependent on the business it does in the China field it nevertheless has a good account here and we naturally all hope that conditions in China will soon right themselves and that the trade of the Country will enter upon a new era of prosperity. The Society, I am pleased to tell you, is privileged by a continuance of loyal support from its Chinese Clients. As regards the political situation we would only say that we are indeed very sorry for the great suffering which the Chinese people are enduring at the present time and we earnestly hope that the state of unrest and Civil War which is unhappily passing over the Land may soon be lifted and that the Country may be allowed to enjoy the blessings and safeguards of an enlightened Government.

Staff Changes.

During the year, Mr. H. O. Gray, who has had long service with the Society and its affiliated Company, the British Traders' Insurance Company Limited, has been appointed to the Post of Sub-Manager.

In keeping with the practice of other of the leading Insurance Companies of the World, your General Manager has considered that certain Head Office posts should be established and you will notice from the Balance Sheet that we have now an Inspector, a Sub-Manager and a Fire Manager. I think you will agree that this policy is a wise one.

To enable us to cope more effectively with our existing business on the Pacific Coast, where we already have an important marine and fire connection, a Branch of the Society was opened in the latter part of last year at San Francisco, Mr. A. W. Hughes being appointed Manager at that Port. This gentleman, who is doubtless well known to many of you, here to-day, has had a long and varied insurance career and under his guidance I feel confident that the fortunes of this newly-established Branch are well assured.

In conclusion I would like to tell you that our General Manager Mr. Paul Lauder is shortly leaving for home on a richly deserved holiday and I am sure I am speaking for all Shareholders in wishing him a very pleasant holiday away from the worries and cares of business, and that he may return with renewed health and energy (applause).

Mr. W. E. Smith who has had many years experience in the Society's service will act for Mr. Lauder during his absence. I now propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability and questions you may wish to ask.

Second's Speech.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes said: It gives me much pleasure to second the proposal made by the Chairman, that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted.

In doing so I feel sure that I express the opinion of Shareholders that the result of the Society's operations cannot be considered other than eminently satisfactory, bearing in mind the adverse trading conditions obtaining the world over, during the past two years or more, and Insurance business generally has been no exception.

At first sight—the drop under the heading of Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account seems rather heavy—but those Shareholders resident in the East at any rate will fully appreciate that such fluctuations are inevitable. I am glad to observe, however, that against this there is the satisfactory increase of £24,000 and £50,000 in the Reinsurance Fund and Underwriting Suspense Account respectively.

Whilst it is always unpleasant having to curtail business in a field which at one time held promise of fruitful operations, I feel sure that Shareholders will, in view of the explanations given, fully approve the action taken.

Gentlemen, it is a sound and conservative policy that has placed British Insurance Companies in the leading position occupied by them to-day, and whilst I know that this policy is being pursued by the Society I feel equally assured that whenever, or wherever, satisfactory business offers, the Society's officers and Agents can be relied upon to obtain their fair share of it.

Sound Securities.

I am glad to observe, and accept your assurance that our Funds are invested in first class securities over a wide field, and especially that over One Million Sterling is invested in British Government Securities.

Shareholders will I am sure fully endorse all you have said in regard to the situation in China, and hope for a speedy ending of the present trouble and for the establishment of Peace, order and good Government.

I am confident there will be general approval of the proposal that a Bonus of 15 per cent. be paid on the salaries of those members of the Staff holding Provident Fund Agreements.

I would like to congratulate Mr. H. O. Gray upon his appointment as Sub-Manager. Mr. Gray has had a wide experience in the Service of the Society, and I feel sure he will carry out the duties of his new office with credit (applause).

Shareholders will also be glad to know that Mr. A. W. Hughes has successfully established himself as our Pacific Coast Manager at San Francisco, and we wish him every success.

I am sure we all join with the Chairman in wishing our General Manager, Mr. Paul Lauder, a pleasant holiday—and we hope he will return thoroughly refreshed to continue for many years the invaluable service he has rendered the Society.

Other Business.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted. On the proposition of Mr. W. A. Hannibal, seconded by Mr. W. J. G. Whitley, Messrs. J. A. Plummer and T. G. Weall, retiring directors, were re-elected.

On the proposition of H. B. J. Dowbiggin, seconded by Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of £2,000 each.

This concluded the business of the meeting, the Chairman announcing that dividend warrants were ready and could be obtained on application at the Secretarial Office.

China Fire Insurance.

The annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., followed the Union Insurance Meeting, Mr. T. G. Weall again being in the chair.

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman's speech was as follows:

The Reports and Accounts were issued on the 3rd May, and as they have been in your hands for several days, I will, subject to your approval, take them, together with the Auditors' Report, as read.

The Working Account for the year 1926 shows a balance of \$605,222.53. Your Directors recommend that a Dividend of \$9 per share and a Bonus Dividend of \$5 per share on 20,000 shares be paid to Shareholders, absorbing \$280,000, and that the Balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1926.

The Balance at credit of the 1926 Account is \$754,808.42. You will have noticed the total Assets of the Company stand at over \$9,480,000, a considerable increase over last year.

This is mainly accounted for by the drop in Exchange which last year was taken at 2s. 4½d. and this year at 1s. 11½d., the consequent effect so far as this Company is concerned is to increase the dollar equivalent of all Sterling figures.

This is effectively illustrated by a comparison of the amount of the Extra Reserve Fund which while standing on our Books at the same actual figure as last year, namely, £100,000 and £100,000 is represented by \$1,121,275.60 as against \$945,814.98 in last year's Balance Sheet.

The fact that the Company transacts business in both Sterling and Dollars, combined with the question of Exchange, makes a comparison of individual figures difficult, and no particular comment appears to be called for.

The Working Account Balances are somewhat less than the Balances for corresponding periods last year, but can I think be considered satisfactory.

I now move that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Other Business.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Archbutt.

The Chairman reported that, since the last General Meeting, Mr. W. H. Bell had joined the Board and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. W. H. Bell had resigned. Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. D. O. Russell and Mr. J. K. Bousfield had joined the Board.

Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall retiring directors, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Alabaster, seconded by Mr. B. M. C. da Cunha.

Messrs. Low, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each, on the proposition of Mr. J. Bentley, seconded by Mr. F. H. Farne.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the Chairman announced that dividend warrants could be obtained on application.

\$500,000 IN VEST POCKET.

INDIAN MERCHANT PRINCE IN LONDON.

London, April 26.—After travelling over 8,000 miles with jewels worth \$500,000 in his vest pocket, always shadowed by Indian private detectives who more than once thwarted the sinister plans of international crooks, Ganesh Lal, an Indian merchant prince, has arrived in London from Philadelphia with probably the most valuable individual collection of jewels brought into the country, including the Shah Jehan Emerald valued at over £50,000.

The collection was displayed at the Sesquicentennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, after the closing of which it was guarded for eleven days by police.

Lal leaves for India at the end of the London season.

I smoked my first cigar at the age of 18, and it cost a penny. I knew no others then.—Lord Birkenhead.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 20—Queen's Theatre; "Bluebeard's 8th Wife."

May 20—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players present "Cappy Ricks" at 9.15 p.m.

May 20—Star Theatre; "How Baxter Butted In."

May 20—World Theatre; "Forbidden Paradise."

May 20—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant, 4.30 p.m.

May 20—Dinner Dance and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant.

May 20—Isako's European Circus, Hungnam, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

May 20—Hong Kong Dance Club next dance, Lane Crawford's Cafe, 8.30 p.m.

May 22—Military Band Concert at Queen's Theatre by the Massed Bands of the Camerons and K.O.S.B., 9.20 p.m.

May 26—Matinee performance by the "Squabblers," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

May 24—Kowloon Cricket Club hold function in aid of Hospital Comforts Fund.

May 25—Race for Brown Rowing Cup, starting from Channel Rocks, 5.15 p.m.

May 28-29—Second extra Race Meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

June 4, 6—Fourth extra race meeting of H. K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley Race Course.

May 21—Messrs. Lammert Bros. will auction at Godown No. 51 Lower, the H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 250 cases Belgian Window Glass.

May 21, 22—Ladies' dress wear, and sundries, Messrs. Lammert Bros. Sales Room, 10.30 a.m.

May 27—First General Meeting of Creditors of Wong Wal-shing (deceased) formerly trading as Sang Loong & Co., City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

May 31—Fourth yearly meeting of Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., Prince's Bldg. 4 p.m.

June 7—Forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Offices, noon.

May 20—Band of 1st/Camerons will play at the Kowloon Dock beach, 5.30 p.m.

May 21—Band of H.M.S. "Hermes" will play at the Kowloon Dock beach, 5.30 p.m.

May 23—Party given at Nam Tong Restaurant in honour of Sir J. H. Kemp.

May 24—Special Services in two Cathedrals (as in previous years), 9 a.m.

May 27—Kowloon Chess Club return match: Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Hermes," 8 p.m.

FALL-SINCLAIR TRIAL.

Washington, May 13. The trial of A. B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, and Harry Sinclair, oil magnate, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the Teapot Dome oil lease, has been postponed in the district court of Columbia from May 23 to October 17. Fall and E. L. Doheny were recently acquitted on similar charges in connection with the lease of the Elk Hills oil reserve in California.

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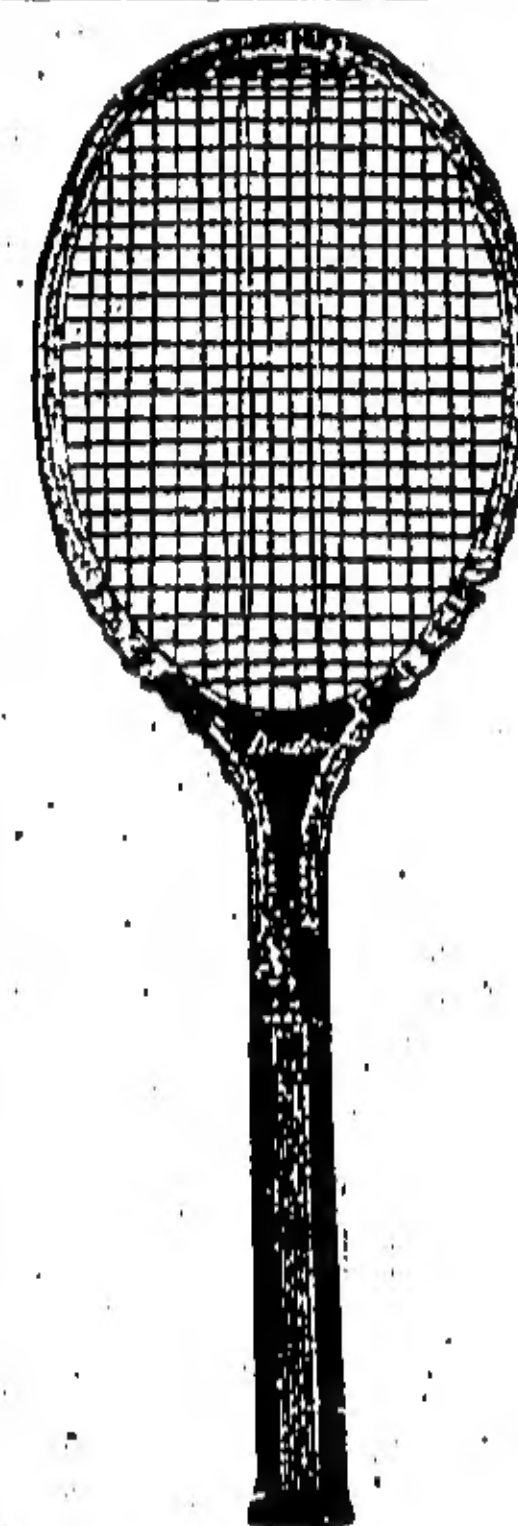
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

As in previous years special services will be held in the two Cathedrals at 9 a.m. on Empire Day, May 24.

In spite of the recent heavy rains, a great deal of hard court tennis is being played in the country. The Eton Country Club have made several new hard courts; where the other day I found members playing with the new crimson tennis balls (observes a writer in the "Westminster Gazette.")

At 5.30 this evening, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. E. B. Ferrers, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the 1st/Cameronians will play at the Kowloon Dock beach. To-morrow the Band of H.M.S. "Hermes" will be in attendance at the same beach by permission of Capt. R. Eliot, C.B.E. and Officers.

An enjoyable smoking concert was held at the E.A.S.M.A. last night when pleasing selections were rendered by the "Titanic" band. Highland dances, saxophone solos, songs and recitations figured in the individual items. The President of the Association (Col. Hayley Bell) was in the chair.

As a result of a gift by a pious American founder, Mr. Arthur Fleming, Pasadena, California, the railway carriage in which Marshal Foch signed with the German military delegates the Armistice agreement which put an end to the war is to be preserved as a permanent memorial at the railway sidings at Rethondes, north-east of Compiègne, where Marshal Foch received the Germans.

A steam laundry is Singapore's latest commercial venture. Everything—washing, drying, and ironing—is done by special machinery imported from Europe. There is even a machine which puts a gloss on collars and shirt-fronts, a task beyond the powers of the dhoty, and more important still, it is stated that, by the process employed, the clothes are practically sterilised, so that there is no danger from that very tiresome complaint, "dhoty itch." It is to be hoped that the company will be so successful in Singapore, says the "Malay Mail," that it will be tempted to open a branch in Kuala Lumpur, where such an establishment is badly needed.

Two cases of small pox, two of enteric fever, and one of relapsing fever, all Chinese, were notified yesterday. With the exception of one case of enteric fever in Kowloon, all the cases were in the Victoria district.



Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada.

A few years ago, a Brigadier-General was stationed in the Madras Presidency of India, and on several occasions when riding domestic cows. It appeared that it was only the noise of the engine which excited them, for as soon as he had stopped they became quiet. On one occasion he was surrounded on a lonely road and could not start his engine, for as soon as he did they all rushed at him and it was only by wheeling the machine very slowly so as to minimise the puffing of the valves that he was at last able to get away.

While the Chancellor of the Exchequer was introducing his Budget, news was received that according to the report of the London Co-operative Society their trade figure for the year is £5,057,007, or an increase of £1,004,057 over the previous year.

Rothsay, which is probably the most popular of all Scottish seaside resorts (the Prince of Wales takes one of his titles from it), is indignant with an English sign-writer (says the London "Evening News.") The other morning a brand new motor fire engine arrived from England, and the whole town turned out to welcome its arrival. But on each side of the engine were emblazoned in large red and gold lettering the words, "Royal Borough of Rothsay. Steps were immediately taken to have the "Borough" altered to "Burgh."

The report has been issued of the Departmental Committee which has been going into the question of the treatment of juvenile law-breakers. For nearly twenty years, since the Act of 1908, children have, by means of the probation system and special training schools, been saved from the contamination of prison life. The report, while recommending modifications and extensions, confirms the value of the system, and especially commends the separate courts for the trial of child offenders. The chief recommendations made are that the age for special treatment should be raised from sixteen to seventeen; that extended use should be made of children's courts; that specially qualified magistrates should preside over them; that the words "conviction" and "sentence" should not be used in them; that remand homes should be set up for children awaiting trial; that proved offences should be met whenever possible by probation, or failing that, by detention in special schools from whose title the words "reformatory" and "industrial" should be dropped. It is further recommended that the age at which a child can be held legally responsible should be raised from seven to eight, and that the death penalty should be abolished for youths of eighteen and under.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. George Lammert is making good progress in hospital, where he has been a patient for over a week.

Lady Tyrwhitt, wife of the Naval Commander-in-Chief, whose flag is flown on H.M.S. "Hawkins," sailed for Shanghai by the "President Lincoln" yesterday.

Almost all the newspapers in Northern India have welcomed the appointment of Sir Alexander Muddiman as Governor of the United Provinces, and Sir Charles Innes as Governor of Burma. "The Leader," the Liberal organ of Allahabad, which has been conducting a campaign against an I.C.S. Governor and pleading for the appointment of a British Parliamentarian, lodges one more protest, but considers that Sir Alexander Muddiman will be an undoubted improvement over the present incumbent.

The following probate grants have been made at the Supreme Court: Re Ho Sau-hung, alias Ho Fuk-sam, late of 24A and 24B Kennedy Road, probate granted to his father in respect of local estate worth \$98,000 in trust for deceased's only son, Ho Kai-choy, until he comes of age.—Re Cheng Yat-kwong, 103 Queen's Road Central, letters of administration in respect of \$11,200 have been granted.—Re Chin Yin-tai, alias Chin Thiek-sam, who died in Chicago, letters of administration have been granted in respect of \$5,000 local estate.

Estate valued at \$512,225 9s. 8d., with net personalty \$499,814, was left by Mr. Thomas Julius Hirst, of Huddersfield, thread manufacturer, formerly a director of J. and J. Coats, Ltd., Paisley. He leaves many legacies, not to exceed £25,000, in regard to which he says: "I have thought it necessary to place the limit on the legacies, because there is a general and growing unrest prevailing over the world, fostered by the delusion that there is unlimited wages fund to draw upon, and that the surest way to promote the prosperity of the so-called working classes is to limit output. Very bad times may therefore be impending, which will result in immense losses to all classes, and my estate may be greatly reduced in consequence; moreover, a very large amount will be payable in estate and other duties, and there may be conscription of capital." Payment of \$5,000 to his private secretary, Mrs. Louis Watson, is directed.

The death of Sir Ernest Hodder-Williams, the head of the famous publishing house of Hodder and Stoughton, at the early age of fifty, will be widely deplored. He was a great publisher, in the sense that his firm



Lord Crew, Ambassador to France, occupies one of the most important posts in the British diplomatic service. This photo is his latest.

stands in the estimation of the reading public for books that are really "worth while." Sir Ernest Hodder-Williams, during the last twenty years of his brilliant career, was mainly responsible for the output of the hundreds of volumes that justified this fine reputation, assisted by his brothers, Mr. Percy Hodder-Williams, and Mr. Ralph Hodder-Williams. "Quick in his decisions, never afraid to act upon intuitions which were generally amazingly right, Sir Ernest was a hard and incessant worker, and found his chief happiness in his work," writes Mr. A. St. John Adcock in the "Sunday Times." "He spared himself too little, and has died before his time, but he accomplished more than enough in the years that he had to have. Justified one who had lived to the full length of the allotted span, a great man of business, he was never too busy to be thoughtful of those about him, and it is his many unobtrusive little kindnesses, his unflinching attentions, that I am remembering just now."

Mrs. Leonie Souvoroff Blumenthal, of 10, Campden Hill-court, Kensington, W., widow of Jacques Blumenthal, the composer, who left £164,034, gave £3,000 to the Royal College of Music for an open scholarship, and £1,000 to the Royal Academy of Music for two open scholarships. She also left an annuity of £200 to her late maid, Kate Hunter, and an annuity of £100 to Margaret Zumbach, widow of her late gardener.

Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, wife of the Captain Superintendent of Police, opened the sale of work at St. Andrew's Church branch of the Mothers' Union yesterday afternoon, the sale taking place in the Hall and not in the grounds owing to the inclement weather. The articles on sale included the work of the Mothers' Union and that of the blind girls of the C.M.S. Home at Kowloon City. During the afternoon, the Band of the 1st/Cameronians played attractive selections. Stalls were in charge of Mrs. Rogers (President), Mrs. J. H. Hunt (Secretary) and Mrs. C. G. Mitchell (Treasurer).

The retiring Governor of Ceylon, Sir Hugh Clifford, who is going to Malaya, received a remarkable ovation when he attended a performance at the Elphinstone Picture Theatre, says a Colombo paper. It left an impression on the minds of every one present of the warmth of regard in which Sir Hugh Clifford is held by the lower classes. The Governor was paying an informal visit to see the Valentino film, "The Son of the Sheikh," and the public were unaware of his intention, which had been notified only to the management. His Excellency and a party of friends arrived and while they were being conducted to their seats in the front of the dress circle, the orchestra struck up the National Anthem. As the music ceased, the Governor walked forward towards his place and was then seen by the crowded audience in the lower part of the house. There could be no doubting the spontaneous nature of the thunderous applause, which immediately broke out on his appearance. His Excellency, no less than everyone else in the dress circle, was taken completely by surprise. The demonstration of repeated hand clapping lasted a full minute. As it died away the Governor, in front of whom the parapet was draped with a Union Jack, bowed his acknowledgments and sat down.

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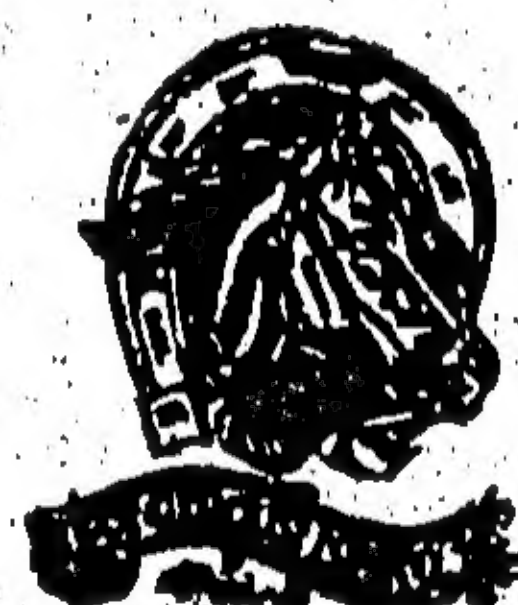
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LAWN BOWLS.

Kowloon Dock In Strong Position.

SECOND DIVISION TIE.

Prospects for To-morrow.

(By "Short Head.")

By wins over the Police and the Bowling Green the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club have already placed themselves in a strong position. The match last Saturday against the premier Club was full of thrills in the closing stages, when it was anybody's game. The visitors were hopeful up to the second last end when one rink conceded a six and practically sealed the fate of the encounter. Curiously enough all three visiting rinks went down on the last end, and the Dock thus scrambled home by the narrow margin of five points. My assertion a week ago that the Bowling Green lost this match a year ago was disputed, I believe, just Saturday—but a reference to the files bears out my statement, for the Dock won comfortably by 66 to 44—a majority of 22 shots.

The Craigengower Cricket Club last Saturday demonstrated that they are as big as ever on their own green, and they easily put paid to the K.C.C. account by the handsome margin of 22 shots. All the visiting rinks went down, Bana having the largest kill by scoring 23 against Pile's eight. Omar just got the better of Gibson by three shots and only four separated Rumball's and Hill's rinks.

On the neighbouring Police green the Civil Service encountered their second defeat, losing by only nine shots. West got the better of Grimmit by four shots; Mair got home on Pendered by five; and Denkin for the second Saturday running succeeded in drawing with the opposition rink—this time skipped by Moss.

Undismayed by their initial defeat on the previous Saturday in the Second Division the Club de Recreio came up smiling last Saturday and handsomely defeated the Craigengower second string by the large majority of 28 shots—the biggest haul of the day in the two Divisions. The losers will be the first to congratulate the Portuguese on such an early reversal of form.

Taikoo had not much to brag about on their own green in defeating their near neighbours—East Point—by 10 shots, for they went down on two rinks, only McKeehin's win over McTavish by 28 to 11 "saving their bacon." Although they lost the East Point will yet give some of the other Clubs a good run for their money.

The Yacht Club played their first match of the season against the Civil Service at Happy Valley and were by no means disgraced, going down by only eight shots against players who have been putting in a lot of quiet practice and moreover, were flushed with their initial victory of the previous Saturday. Here, again, the winners will be the first to wish the Yacht Club a good season in the interests of the game as a whole.

The "babes" of the Second Division—the K.B.G.C.—had their League baptism when they "journeyed" a matter of a few hundred yards to meet the K.C.C. Although they went down on two rinks, they were by no means disgraced, the net loss on the game being a matter of only four points. Few other teams will come away from the K.C.C. this season without dropping much more than four points, as the K.C.C. youngsters (?) are full of go and enthusiasm.

To-morrow's Prospects. For to-morrow much depends—at the time of writing—on the weather, which has been interfering greatly during the week with practice. The Kowloon Dock are fortunate to be at home once more—this time to the Taikoo Recreation Club. As everybody knows there is a delightful spirit of camaraderie prevailing between these two giants of the shipbuilding industry and each feels rather reluctant to take away League points. Last season, it is true, the Taikoo lot won by 11 points, but they may be prevailed upon to "permit" their hosts of to-morrow to turn the tables this time. We'll see!

The Craigengower Cricket Club are also at home for the second Saturday in succession when they "will be taken charge of by the Police." Last year they—the C.C.C.—got home by 14 shots, and there appears no reason why that victory should not be repeated. Unless the unexpected happens, however, the result should be fairly close.

The Civil Service Cricket Club journey across the water where they will be the guests of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Will they receive their third reverse, or will they leave it to the K.B.G.C. to record their second downfall? There's the rub! Both sides are relying on practically the same sides that did duty last Saturday—the Civil Service making only one change in the personnel, whilst the ground team are making a slight alteration in the placing of the players in one rink. The match should thus be a good test

of what the respective rinks are at present constituted are capable of, both home and away.

Second Division. The first match in the Second Division to-morrow to claim attention is the Taikoo v. Yacht Club meeting. Last year the visitors lost by ten shots, and he would be an optimist who would anticipate this result being reversed to-morrow. The ground team will certainly be all out to secure their third successive win.

The Civil Service entertain the East Point and are hopeful of repeating last year's win by 16 shots. The visitors, however, are by no means to be taken cheaply and may be expected to stretch every nerve to come away with full points. The K.C.C. are at home to Craigengower C.C., whom they defeated last season by 11 points, although, of course, with a vastly different team as they were fighting only in one Division. Even so, both Lammer and Herdridge have good rinks and may be trusted to do the needful.

The K.B.G.C. go over to King's Park to meet the Club de Recreio who, I hear, are out to snatch full points. Drawing a line between these Clubs' fixtures last Saturday, the Portuguese ought to win to-morrow—but, then, lawn bowls is as full of uncertainties as cricket, and thereby lies its attraction.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The fixture card to-morrow is as under:—

First Division.
Kowloon Dock v. Taikoo.
C.C.C. v. Police.
K.B.G.C. v. Civil Service.
Second Division.
Taikoo v. Yacht Club.
Civil Service v. East Point.
K.C.C. v. C.C.C.
Club de Recreio v. K.B.G.C.

LISTS OF PLAYERS.

The following teams have been selected for to-morrow:—

First Division.
K.B.G.C.—Chapman, Dobbie, Hedley, and Farrell (skip); Huzel, Harvey, Duncan, and Russell (skip); Muir, Magill, Holland, and W. Macfarlane.
Civil Service—Laird, Taylor, Oswald, and Grimmit (skip); Maughan, Westlake, Keegan, and Denkin (skip); Smith, Lambie, Hollidge, and Pendered (skip).
K. Docks—Ramsay, Kempton, Lindsay and J. C. Brown (skip); Greig or Cooper, Henderson, McLagan, and Gray (skip); Gourlay, Neilson, Cullen, and Lapsley (skip).
Craigengower C.C.—Neves, Fritz, Alves, and Omar (skip); Musket, Souza, Bennett and Bana (skip); Luz, Rencet, E. el Arculli, Rumball (skip).

Taikoo R.C.—W. Weir, Whyte, J. Russell, and Wotherpoon (skip); Sloan, Seath, Macleod, and Drummond (skip); Laing, Grimes, Muirhead and Morrison (skip).
Police R.C.—Greenwood, Marks, Reid, and Mair (skip); Collins, Hollands, Sword, and West (skip); Buchanan, Glendinning, Whant, and Moss (skip).

Second Division.
Civil Service—Eccleshall, Rose, Haynes, and Bravn (skip); Holdman, Flegg, Allen, and Alderman (skip); Strange, Luck, Archibald, and Massey (skip).
K.B.G.C.—Hale, Stonham, Hatt, and Warren (skip); McIntosh, Cameron, Budding, and MacLachlan (skip); Fergusson, Rundell, Dixon, and Wylie (skip).
K. C. C.—Labrum, Lawrence, Petheram, and Davidson (skip); Edwards, Lyal, Smith, and Lammer (skip); Hamblin, Kern, Wragge, and Herdridge (skip).

Yacht Club.—Williamson, Vaux, Greig, and Davies (skip); Bullock, Black, Thornhill, and G. T. Edwards (skip); Reed, Wood, Wynne-Jones, and Shields (skip).

Craigengower C.C.—Modi, Nicholson, Ranaok, and Kitchell (skip); Coates, Lely, Hartman, and Brightman (skip); Kharras, Williams, Beer, and Knott (skip).
Taikoo R.C.—Maxwell, Boyle, Walmsley and Matthews (skip); Richmond, Speirs, Munro, and Dinnen (skip); Grimes, Warnock, Chalmers and McKeehin (skip).
East Point R.C.—Samway, Williamson, Kellar, and Lee (skip); Shaw, Webster, Whiteford and Hamilton (skip); Baker, Vickers, A. K. Henderson, and McTavish (skip).

Club de Recreio.—E. V. M. R. de Souza, E. M. Remedios, C. E. Marques, and Angelo Ribeiro (skip); C. F. Vas, H. R. Sequeira, F. E. A. dos Remedios and Julio Ribeiro (skip); A. V. Barros, F. X. Silva, C. Silva, and L. C. R. de Souza (skip).

BASEBALL.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A GROUND.

The Hon. Secretary of the Baseball Association states that negotiations are still proceeding regarding the use of the Hong Kong Football Club's ground for the season. If the negotiations succeed, the season will be few weeks late and it will probably only be possible to play two rounds of League matches instead of three.

C. H. Taylor, the Oxford University and Leicestershire cricketer, is now a master at his old school, Westminster.

ON THE LINKS.

FINAL OF THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIRST FOREIGN WIN.

Newcastle (County Down) May 19.
In the final of the British Ladies' Golf Championship over 36 holes, Miss Simone de la Chaume (France) beat Miss Dorothy Pearson (Tunbridge Wells) by 5-4. This is the first time that a foreigner has won this event.—Reuter.

LOCAL GOLF.

Starting Times for Sunday.

The following are the starting times for Sunday:—
9.28—A. E. Wood and C. C. Stark.
9.32—C. A. Peel and R. K. Valentine.
9.36—T. D. E. Pendered and R. L. Moncrieff.
9.40—Col. Ahern and Maj. Rowell.
9.44—E. H. Hallifax and G. Davidson.
9.48—W. J. Sutherland and T. A. Martin.
9.52—A. Leach and D. Forbes.
9.56—E. D. C. Wolfe and V. M. Grayburn.
10.00—H. G. Hegarty and J. Moodie.
10.04—Major C. C. Lucas and Col. Matthews.
10.08—Major R. H. Lucas and S. K. Chaplin.
10.12—J. Coulthart and G. E. Ellams.
10.16—H. R. Sturt and P. Jacks.
10.20—Capt. Drysdale and Lieut. Whistler.

HOME CRICKET.

YORKSHIRE OVERCOME WORCESTER.

INNINGS & 164 RUNS.

London, May 19.
Yorkshire on their own ground at Leeds easily defeated Worcester. The visitors were dismissed for the tiny score of 46, Macaulay improving his analysis by 7 wickets for 17 runs. Yorkshire made 291, but nearly all that was made by two "tail" bowlers, Macaulay scoring 67 and Waddington 114. The "cracks" failed and but for these two the "tykes" would have looked rather foolish.

Root was bowling splendidly, taking 7 wickets for 82—and that means tough Yorkshire wickets. Again the Midlanders failed, making only 81. Robinson took 5 wickets for 38, and Macaulay 5 for 33.

Yorkshire thus won by an innings and 164.
Scores:—
Worcester: 46 and 81.
Yorkshire: 291.
—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP.

BRITON BEATEN BY A DAME.

FIRST MATCH RESULT.

Harrogate, May 18.
In the Davis Cup competition, in the first match, Ulrich (Denmark) beat Gregory (Great Britain) by 6-0, 6-3, 3-6, 3-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

K.B.S.F.P.A. TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the K.B.S.F.P.A. in the league match against Taikoo R.C. at Taikoo to-morrow:—
G. Punccheon and E. W. Railton.
T. Pile and J. C. Faers.
A. Bliss and C. Hedley.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

GATEWAY OF NEW STADIUM.

Amsterdam, May 19.
The Prince Consort has laid the foundation stone of the new stadium which is being built for the Olympic Games in 1928.—Reuter.

The mere existence of such a force, in which it is hoped that representatives of all the large communities of the Colony will be found, should tend to forestall the efforts of intimidators. Evil disposed persons would find the average citizen fortified in the reflection that ample guarantee exists for the protection of his person and property.

Should a crisis occur, however great the inconvenience endured, the public would be confident in the capability of the regular police assisted by a trained reserve of maintaining "that quiet, peace, and security, which is guaranteed by the laws for the personal comfort of every individual."

POLICE RESERVE.

A SUGGESTED NEW UNIT.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

In view of the disturbed state of affairs in China the Government desires to have available for instant use a body of trained men to assist the regular police force in case of emergency. Such an auxiliary force can best be secured through the establishment of an enrolled and trained Police Reserve.

A Police Reserve force served in Hong Kong throughout the war, and rendered most valuable services. After the war it was disbanded, and in the crisis of 1922 Special Constables were enrolled, and performed useful work. That force was purely temporary in its nature and it was disbanded on the settlement of the seamen's strike.

In 1925 a similar body of Special Constables was enrolled, and served during the most acute part of the crisis. Owing to the continuation of the anti-British boycott and the gradual increase of civil strife in China, conditions here have not since returned to normal and it is felt that the Colony should have a trained body of Police Reserves to call upon if required.

The Government has accordingly instructed the Captain Superintendent of Police to organise a Police Reserve, to be composed of persons who voluntarily offer their services for this purpose.

It is proposed that the new Police Reserve should follow mainly the lines of the war time Reserve, certain modifications being introduced as a result of previous experience. The ranks will be graded similarly to those of the Regular Police Force. The discipline will also be modelled on that of the Regular Force.

The officers will be appointed by H.E. the Governor and the whole force will be controlled by a Deputy Superintendent Reserve, under the final authority of the C.S.P. The force will be uniformed, and will ultimately be armed with the Service Rifle or Carbine.

Preliminary training will be confined to instruction in Police duties, revolver practice, and a modicum of squad drill. The term of service will normally be 3 years, subject to reduction in exceptional circumstances. Members will be required to take an oath of allegiance and to sign an agreement to serve for 3 years.

Out of Pocket Expenses. It is proposed that members of the Reserve should be paid for each day's duty performed when called out for service, if Government concurs. No scale of pay has yet been fixed, but it is intended purely to compensate members for out of pocket expenses, and not in any way to approximate to a full wage.

Senior ranks will receive a monthly salary as their duties will be largely of an administrative nature. Some of these proposals will involve alterations to the existing Ordinance, but the Reserve will probably commence operations under Ordinance 27 of 1924.

An amending Ordinance may then be introduced later, to incorporate improvements which are found to be necessary. The scheme includes the grants of rewards for especially good work and compensation for injuries received. Members will be detailed for duty as far as possible in their home districts, and in their spare time.

Specials Ready for Service. In the meantime the Special Constabulary which served in 1925, has again been prepared for service, thanks to the efforts of the Inspectors in charge of the different contingents. During the formation period of the Police Reserve the Special Constabulary will continue to function and will thus ensure that there will be no lack of continuity in the existence of auxiliary forces for Police purposes.

As an oath of allegiance is required under the existing Police Reserve ordinance, members of the different foreign communities will be invited to give their services as Special Constables. Many are already serving in the different contingents and the American Community under the able guidance of Mr. Duclos has a strong contingent ready for action.

In Case of a Crisis. It is hoped that those who have the interests of the Colony at heart, and who are either unfitted for, or find it inconvenient to join the Volunteer Defence Corps or other auxiliary forces, will enroll in the new Police Reserve, and thus help to provide a force which will automatically come into operation in the event of any threat to the peace and good order of the Colony.

(Continued on front of preceding Column.)

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.

Orders for the week (issued to-day) for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read as follows:—
King's Birthday Parade, 3rd June, 1927.

The Corps will take part in the above mentioned parade which will take place at 9 a.m. at Happy Valley. All members who are willing to turn out will give their names to their Unit Commanders as early as possible.

Special Trams will leave the East Bound Stopping Place foot of Garden Road.

Dress: Review Order Khaki, Helmet, khaki jackets, medals, shorts, puttees, belt and bayonet, rifle and sling.

Scottish Company will conform dressed in the kilt, as for G.O.C.'s inspection, wearing helmets.

Armoured Car and Artillery Companies will conform wearing shorts.

Practice Parades.

Thursday, 26th May, 1927.—A practice Parade will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. To be attended by all Officers and N.C.O.'s. Mounted Infantry Company excepted. Dress: Muffi.

Men attending parades on 30th May and 3rd June, 1927, are also invited to attend. Mounted Infantry Company excepted.

Monday, 30th May. Parade at the Football Ground, special trams will leave the East Bound Stopping Place foot of Garden Road at 5.15. Dress: Uniform, as detailed above for 3rd June, 1927.

Public Holiday. Tuesday, 24th May, 1927, will be observed as a Holiday, no parades will be held on that day.

Signal Class. Trained Men of No. 4 Platoon and those attending signal class from other units will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. Dress: Muffi.

Artillery Co. Parade will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, 26th May, at 5.30 p.m. for Arms Drill. Dress: Muffi, belt and frog, rifle and bayonet.

Mounted Infantry Co. All ranks will parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates to practice Escort Duty for King's Birthday Parade. Dress: Muffi.

Thursday, 19th May, Tuesday, 24th May and Thursday, 26th May, 1927. Other dates will be advised later.

Armoured Car Co. Machine gunners will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 23rd May for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

Motor Cyclist Section. A tactical ride will take place in the New Territories on Sunday, 29th May, 1927. All members are requested to attend.

Parade at Railway Station, Kowloon at 10 a.m. Dress: Tunics, breeches, puttees, helmets and belt. All N.C.O.'s will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 26th May for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

Infantry Co. On Fridays, 20th and 27th May at 5.30 p.m. all N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O. C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of Training in Vickers Gun. The classes will continue to assemble every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

Scottish Co. Thursday, 26th May, 1927.—The Route March called for this date is postponed till the Autumn.

All Platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction. Platoon Commanders will make arrangements through the Adjutant for regular instructors to the present. Applies to those not attending practice parade at Corps Headquarters.

Special Vickers Gun Class. Friday, 27th May, 1927.—The following Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men will parade every Friday, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for class of Machine Gun Training. This will be the commencement of a course of special classes in Vickers Machine Gun instruction.

Headquarters. Captain, D. C. Logan, M.C. and Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

No. 5 Platoon. Pte. G. R. Maskell, and Pte. J. A. Watson.

No. 6 Platoon. Ptes. J. J. Cameron, H. C. Cooper and C. R. Logan.

No. 7 Platoon. Cpl. T. P. Sanderson, L/Cpls. R. O. Sutherland, and D. Lyon, and Pte. D. Harvey.

Sunday, 29th May, 1927.—Teams from all platoons will compete for the "Dyer Cup" at Stonecutters Range. Firing commences at 10 a.m.

Launches: Leave Murray Pier 9.00 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Helmets, tunics, shorts, flashes, khaki hose, shorts, puttees, boots, belt, bayonet, braces, pouches, rifle.

Range Officer: Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

Judges: Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C.

Conditions: 8 men from each platoon fire Part II. Musketry, 8

men from each platoon fire Attack Competition. 1 N.C.O. and 2 men each platoon fire Lewis Gun Competition.

Portuguese Company. The Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 20th May for Lewis Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi. Overalls to be drawn from Store.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the above Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 22nd May, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or muffi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 21st May, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Arms will not be drawn on Sunday morning.

All trained men and recruits who have fired at Kennedy Road or Peak Ranges will attend.

No. 4 Platoon. Parade at Miniature Range for musketry instruction on Wednesday, 25th May, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muffi.

Medical Certificates. All members wishing to obtain sick leave or exemption from duty on Medical Grounds will obtain a Medical Certificate from a Medical Officer of the Corps.

Medical Officers will notify the Senior Medical Officer of such certificates issued and will immediately render a report to him whether they have granted any sick leave recently stating particulars of cause and dates.

The Senior Medical Officer will keep a register of all certificates issued and no man, whose name does not appear on this roll will be credited with sick leave. He will notify the Adjutant of all sick leave granted for including in orders.

To meet the requirements of this order it is quite sufficient for a member on falling sick to report in writing to a Medical Officer of the Corps provided the letter be accompanied by a certificate from his Medical Adviser.

Strength. The following are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 124 Pte. G. F. Santos, Corps Headquarters dated 12th May, 1927. No. 1245 Pte. H. T. G. Pearne, No. 6 Platoon dated 17th May, 1927.

No. 1246 Pte. J. W. E. Stirling, No. 6 Platoon dated 17th May, 1927. No. 1247 Pte. W. N. Matchin, No. 6 Platoon dated 17th May, 1927.

Appointment. No. 1026 Pte. S. Jex, No. 2 Platoon is appointed Lance Corporal, as from 17th May, 1927.

Transfer. No. 91 Gunner F. A. Britton is transferred from the Artillery Company to the Reserve Company, as from 10th May, 1927.

Reversion. No. 460 Corp. H. T. Buxton, No. 2 Platoon is permitted to revert to the ranks at his own request, as from 17th May, 1927.

Leave. The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 768 Pte. S. R. Jones, Reserve Coy. from 31 May, 1927 to 15th October, 1927.

No. 348 L/Cpl. (Drummer) A. Duncan, No. 6 Platoon from 22nd April, 1927 to 21st October, 1927.

No. 692 Drummer H. Duncan, No. 6 Platoon from 22nd April, 1927 to 21st May, 1927.

Resignations. The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 626 Spr. C. Crofton, Engineer Company, as from 6th May, 1927.

No. 529 Pte. G. C. Worrall, M.I. Company, as from 9th May, 1927.

No. 74 L/Cpl. H. M. McTavish, No. 7 Platoon, as from 6th May, 1927.

Adjutant H.K.V.D. Corps, R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major.

NOTICES. Artillery Company.

Subscriptions for 1927 Season are now due and should be paid to the Hon. Treasurer Gunner L. F. Nicholson, c/o H. K. and China Gas Co., Ltd.

The annual subscription has been fixed at \$5.00 for each member.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club. Third Meeting will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, May 22, at 9 a.m.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

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A musical sensation on a scale never before attempted in the city

of Quebec was held at the Chateau Frontenac, from May 20 to 22. The Festival, which combined folk-songs and handicraft indigenous to the Province of Quebec, was unique in character, since it was the first time a folk-song festival had been staged anywhere in America in its natural setting with handicraft. The National Museum of Canada, in co-operation with the Canadian Pacific Railway, organised this festival on a very comprehensive scale.

Among the artists who interpreted the folk-songs were J. Campbell McInnes, of Toronto, who has been principal soloist with the Philadelphia, Chicago and Cleveland Orchestras, and Charles Marchand, well-known "chansonner" of Montreal, who has toured both Canada and the United States; also Dr. Ernest MacMillan, director of the Toronto Conservatory of Music; Dr. Healey Willan, Canadian composer, and Oscar O'Brien of Montreal, who have composed harmonisations of melodies and arrangements for strings, especially for the Festival. Choral renderings by various composers of some of

the native folk-songs were given by the Chanteurs of Saint Dominique of Quebec, one of the most famous choirs in French Canada. The Basilica choir sang a fully choral High Gregorian Mass on the morning of May 21.

Outstanding among the women artists taking part were Madame Jeanne Dusseau and Mademoiselle Juliette Gaultier de la Verendrye, Madame Dusseau, who is an ardent lover of folk-songs and an interpreter of the same in many languages, is a soprano of the Chicago Opera Association. Mile. Gaultier de la Verendrye, a descendant of the explorer, Pierre Gaultier de la Verendrye, sang in the Boston Opera before devoting herself to the study of folk-songs. She has learned the Eskimo language in order to sing Eskimo folk-songs, and is also familiar with many Indian dialects.

A large number of leading musicians, folklore and handicraft enthusiasts from all parts of Canada and the United States attended the Festival, which is regarded as the musical sensation of the year.

BIG CINEMA DEAL.

ROMANTIC STORY OF WOMAN'S BUSINESS CAREER.

\$2,500,000 BRITISH COMBINE.

The greatest deal in the history of the British cinema has recently been concluded, and a company with a capital of \$2,500,000, is to be floated.

Behind the deal lies a romantic story of a woman's business career, which has ended in her being one of Britain's "film magnates."

Some details of the new concern were given to a Press Association representative by Captain Alfred Davis, who has been closely connected with the negotiations. The new company is to be called the Gaumont British Picture Corporation (Ltd.), and it has acquired four of the best known London cinemas—the Marble Arch Pavilion, the Shepherd's Bush Pavilion, the Lavenham Hill Pavilion, Clapham Junction, and the Avenue Pavilion, Shaftesbury Avenue.

In addition to these, 18 other theatres in various parts of the country have been taken over, and the new combine has also acquired the interests of the W. and F. Film Service, film distributors, the Ideal Co., film distributors, the Gaumont Film Co., makers and distributors of films, and the C. and M. Co., acquirers of films. Each will operate independently, continuing under the same management.

The managing directors of each concern will be on the Board of Directors of the parent corporation, Col. A. C. Bromhead and Mr. Reginald C. Bromhead, both of the Gaumont Company, being the chairman and managing director respectively.

Production of British Films.

Discussing the deal, Captain Davis said:—"The film distributing companies which had been acquired are the leaders in this country, and under the new regime the object will be the production of British films. It is the most constructive effort that has yet been made to put the British film industry on its feet. The combine has been formed because it is believed to be the only real hope for the industry in this country."

Captain Davis also related the romantic story of his family's association with the cinema world. Mrs. Israel Davis has been the leading spirit in their enterprise, while her husband and four sons have been concerned in its management. Mrs. Davis's business career started in 1910, when her husband Mr. Israel Davis then a builder, saw the possibilities of the cinema, and built a theatre at Highgate. After it was finished he gave it to Mrs. Davis to run as a hobby.

"She made such a success of it," said Captain Davis, "that he went on building, and put up nine cinemas in different parts of London, including the Marble Arch Pavilion, erected three months before the war. During the war, when the four sons were in the Army, five of the theatres were sold. Afterwards the Shepherd's Bush Pavilion was built and she achieved even greater success, being entirely responsible for the control of the theatres and booking the films. Each son looked after a different department, under her supervision."

The International Merchant Bankers, Ostrer Brothers, directors of the Gaumont Company, are behind the deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis intend to retire shortly to the country. Before they leave business, however, they will have the honour of receiving the King and Queen at the Marble Arch Pavilion when they go to see the new British film, "The Flag Lieutenant."

SCHUMANN.

MEMORIES OF HIS DAUGHTER.

MUSICAL MARTYRDOM.

Robert and Clara Schumann had eight children. The youngest of the four girls, Eugenie, born 1851, has just published her "Memoirs." (Heinemann. 10s. 6d.)

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Eugenie Schumann's rather naive book gives us the sequel of the romance. Poor Clara! She paid dearly for it. Schumann died insane at 46. The first son, Emil, was lost in infancy. Ludwig, the second, grew up in body, but not in mind. As a young man he had to be interned, and he spent his last 25 years "buried alive," as his poor mother said, in an asylum.

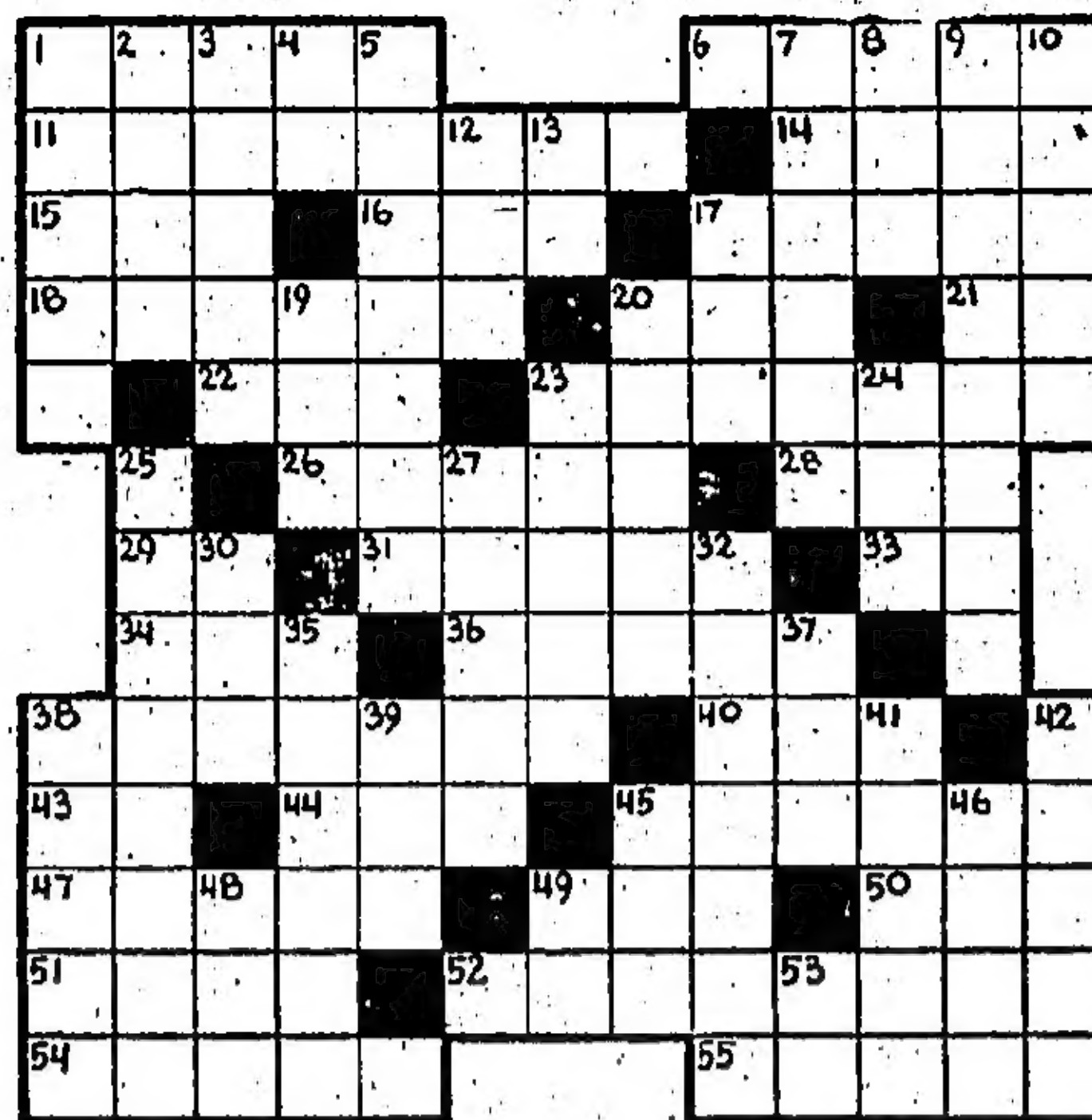
Ferdinand, the next son, became a banker. He died after years of morphomania. The youngest, Felix, was the only one of the eight who showed signs of a heritage of genius. The letters quoted by his sister remind us of Robert Schumann's letters in his student days. He was gay and dashing, poetic and musical, and his mother's darling. He became tuberculous at 19 and died at 24.

The sisters were not quite so luckless. Marie was the domestic one. Elise was independent, and made her way as a piano-teacher. Julie was the beauty. She married an Italian nobleman and died in childbirth.

Eugenie, as her book shows her, was amiable, but not brilliant. Now and then she

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Capital of Holland
- 6—To palm off
- 11—To weaken
- 14—Malay sailing vessel
- 15—A cape, N. E.
- 16—Done by Massachusetts
- 17—A kind of whale
- 18—Having a rounded, notched end, as a leaf
- 20—Combining form. New
- 21—Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
- 22—To slide on skis
- 23—Small purple plum (pl.)
- 26—Pertaining to the Eolian
- 28—Point of compass (abbr.)
- 29—Prefix. Against
- 31—Approach
- 32—Prefix. Form of "ex"
- 34—A varnish gum
- 35—A scene of action

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38—To make soft
- 40—Suffix denoting an agent
- 43—Article
- 44—An ending of nouns
- 45—One who frightens
- 47—A rest (Latin)
- 48—A tree
- 50—Before
- 51—Pleads
- 52—Destitute of trees
- 54—A city, S. W. "Prairie"
- 55—Floata, as a boat

VERTICAL

- 1—Listens
- 2—A queen of England
- 3—Gentleman (slang)
- 4—Abraham's birthplace (Bible)
- 5—Subterfuge
- 7—To abject
- 8—Anger
- 9—A morbidly tender state
- 10—Renders docile
- 12—Time period

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15—Toward
- 17—Seminary (abbr.)
- 19—A string instrument (slang)
- 20—Mother of pearl
- 23—Record of daily events
- 24—A number
- 25—A character in "Hamlet"
- 27—Abounding in leaves
- 30—Ball; dance (French)
- 32—To giggle
- 35—Provide in legal document
- 37—Man's name
- 38—A paragon
- 39—Suffix denoting a science
- 41—Cornered
- 42—Look of hair
- 43—80 (Scott.)
- 46—Initial Gaelic
- 48—French for "of the"
- 49—Conjunction
- 53—Light Infantry (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

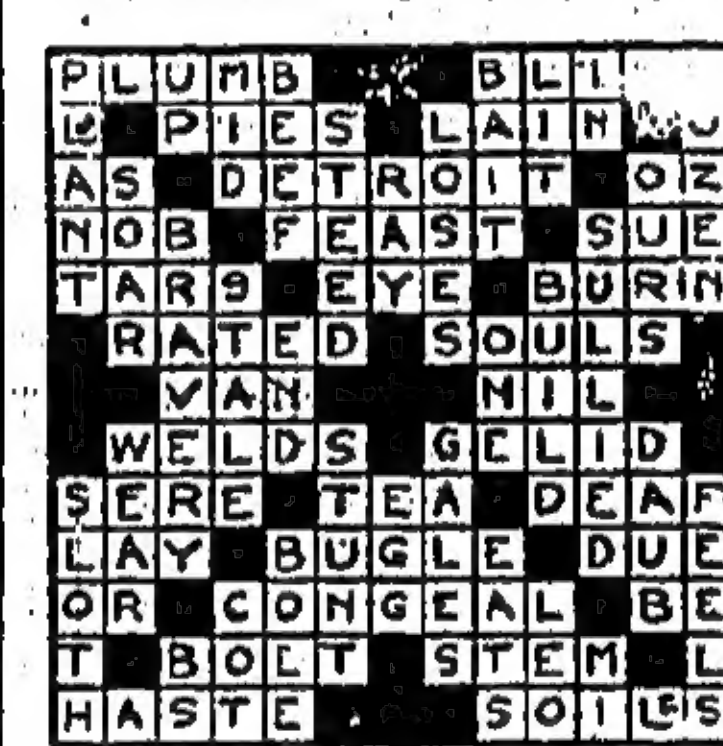
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touches us. She had disheartening music lessons from her mother and from Brahms:—

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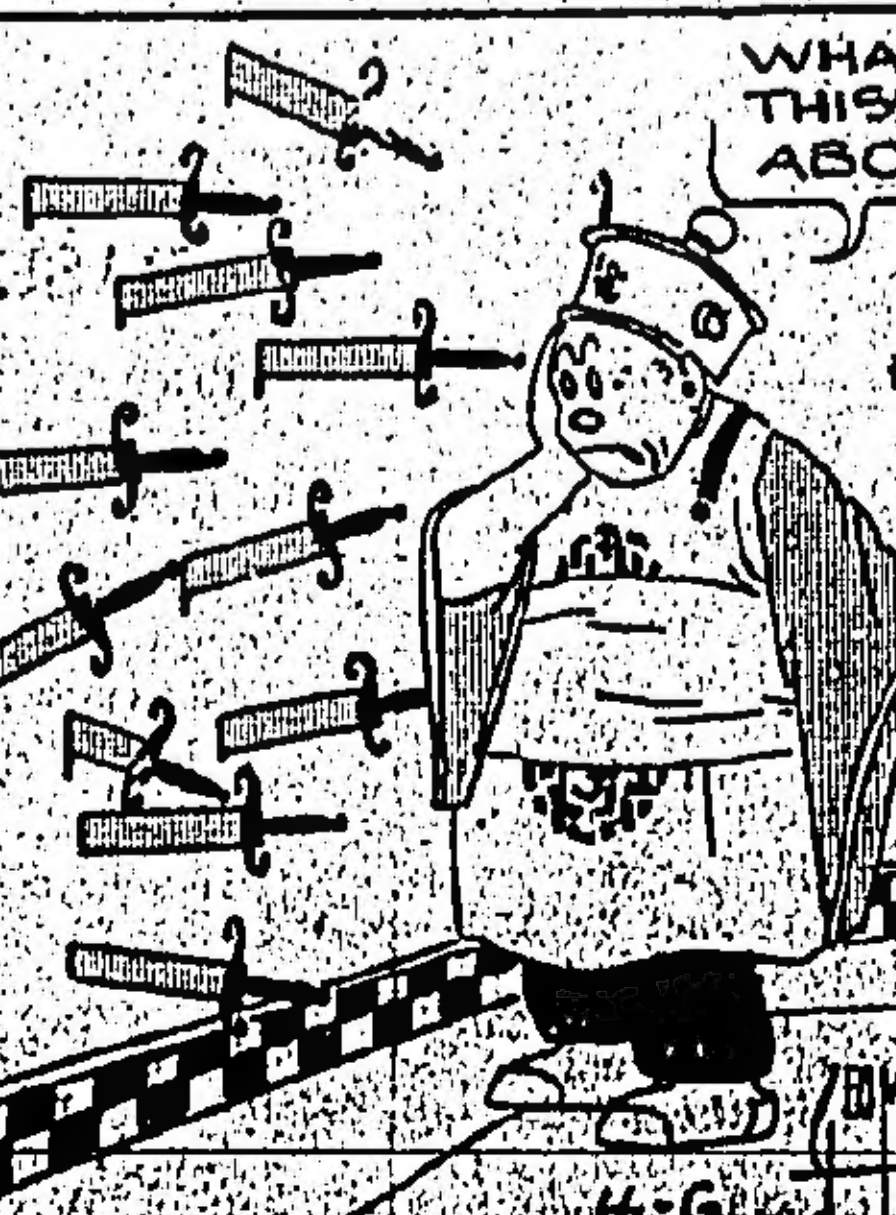
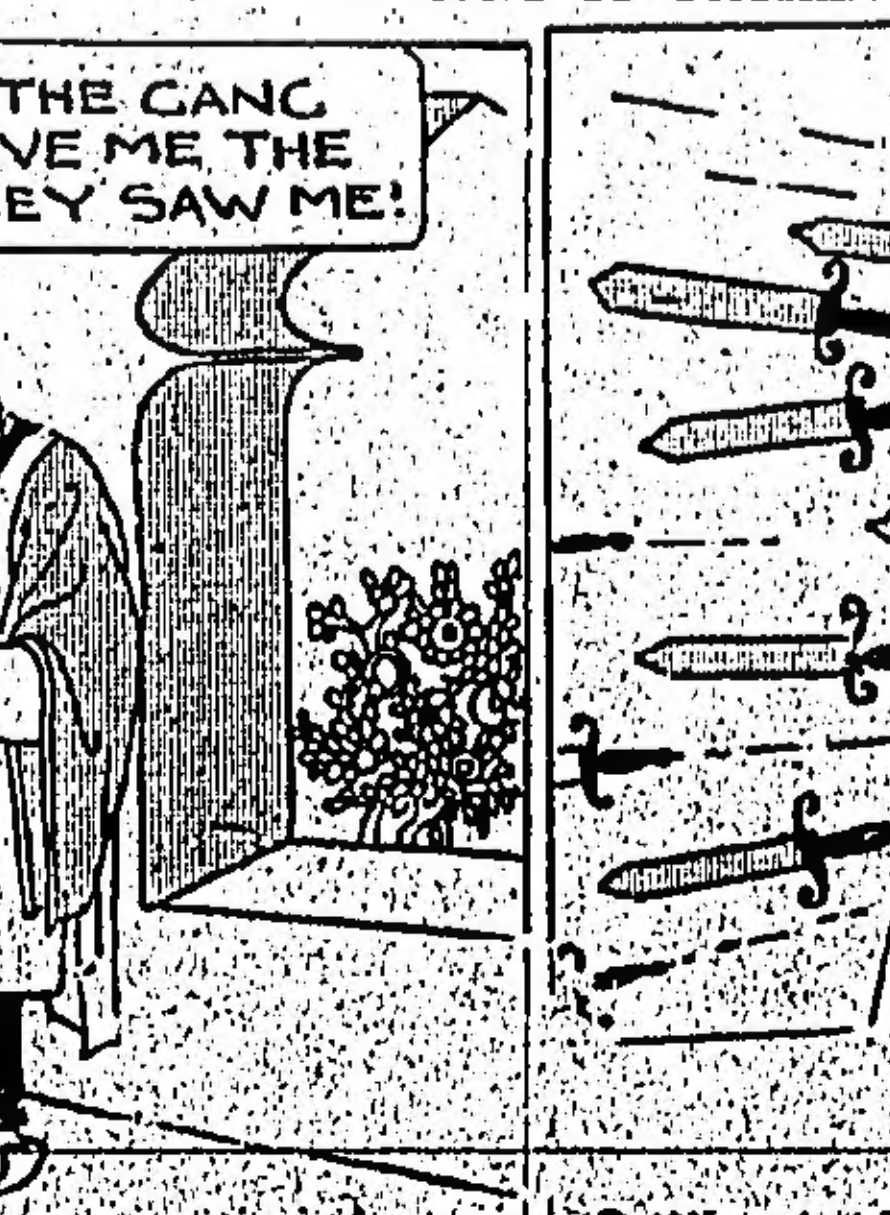
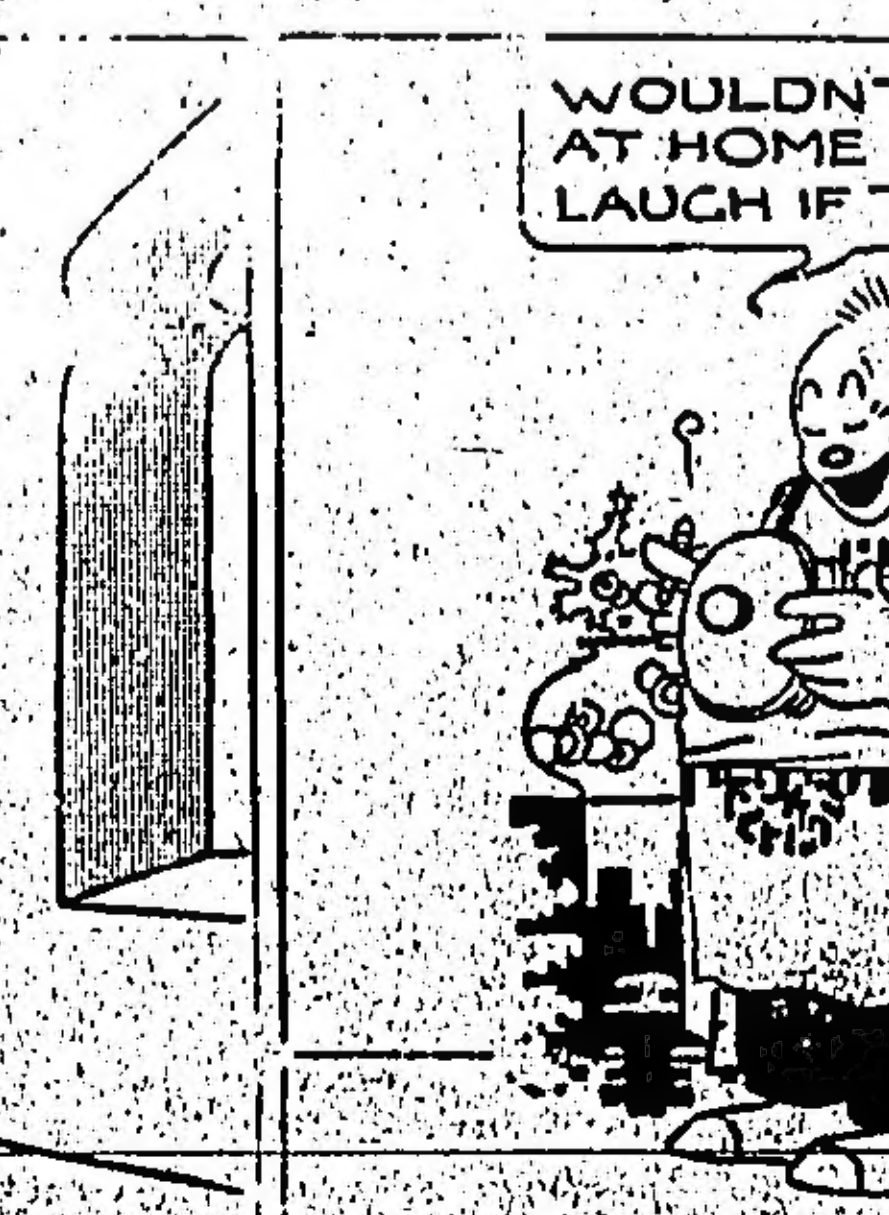
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Lady Cobham, wife of Sir Alan Cobham, has given birth to a son—her second.

Order received the first week at the British Industries Fair at Birmingham are valued at over £3,000,000.

After 54 years of married life Mr. and Mrs. James Hanslip, aged 79 and 75 respectively, died at Leeds within 24 hours of each other.

During last year nearly 17,000 lb. of letter mails were sent out of Britain by air, an increase of about 8 per cent. on the previous year.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, hopes to visit New Zealand and Australia, leaving England at the end of July and returning at Christmas.

After 20 years' existence the L.M.S. light railway from Burton-on-Trent to Ashby-de-la-Zouch has been closed down, killed by motor-omnibus competition.

Sir Richard Cruise, the King's oculist, won his 18th steeplechase with his horse War Gratuity at the Whaddon Chase point-to-point races at Aylesbury. Although this horse has a silver tube in its throat to assist its breathing it has been winning steeplechases since 1920.

A cow that bolted at Northampton recently entered a house in Lawrence Street, went upstairs to a back bedroom, broke the window, tore down the curtains, knocked over a clock and other articles and became wedged amid furniture. It was escorted out with the aid of a rope attached to its horns.

When Mr. Lloyd A. Ussher, of Royal-parade, Eastbourne, was riding his motorcycle it mounted the pavement and collided with a woman who was walking. He travelled some distance before he was able to stop, and on returning to the woman was horrified to find that it was his mother. She had severe head wounds.

A year or two ago the famous "Calus Co-optimists" gaudily painted the L.N.E. Railway bridge, which is a well-known landmark on the Cambridge rowing course, but recently they added insult to injury by writing the words "Travel G.W.R." in large letters across the bridge. The work must have been carried out during the night.

A Clydesdale colt, 16 months old, says a Melbourne message, has been sold for \$1,500, which is believed to be a world's record.

Freemasons of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth banned by British lodges during the war are to be readmitted.

Mrs. Bertha Birtwistle, the wife of Mr. James Birtwistle, of Richdale-road, Britannia, near Bacup, gave birth to three sons recently.

Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth and Co., Walker-on-Tyne, have received orders for two 4,300-ton motor-ships for carrying locomotives for Captain Christian Smith, of Oslo, Norway.

As a result of injuries received in a Rugby football match at Burton-on-Trent between Burton and Oxford Greyhounds, Jack Davies, aged 17, of the Burton team, has died.

While two workmen were being lowered down a new 90 ft. shaft at Cottingham Waterworks, Hull, something went wrong with the apparatus and they fell to the bottom. They were carrying explosives for blasting the shaft to a greater depth, but luckily there were several feet of water at the bottom, and after they had been raised to the top by a crane, they complained only of shock and immersion.

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may be of scientific interest, but it is not to the best interests of the child, whose prospects in life may easily be ruined by such experimentation. If it is a "wise father who understands his own child," it is even a wiser parent who knows what to prescribe for the child when it is ailing.

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A housebreaker sentenced at Gosforth surrendered in order to get treatment in prison for tuberculosis.

Five passengers were fatally, seven others seriously, gassed through poisonous fumes entering the cabin of a motor-boat plying on the Rhine near Wiesbaden.

Millions of field and house mice which swept down like a plague on the wheat fields of California last month are reported by the Horticultural Commission to have been exterminated with poisoned grain.

"I can believe some things, but I can hardly believe that," said Mr. J. A. R. Cairns at Thames Police Court, when a man charged with drunkenness said that he met a Scotsman who had filled him up with beer.

Lisburn spectators of a motor omnibus knocking down a cyclist had their distress increased by seeing one of the man's legs cut off. There was great relief when it was seen that the leg was a wooden one.

A shipment of New Zealand tobacco sufficient for a test in the London market will be dispatched at the end of the season in order to ascertain definitely whether tobacco can be grown on a commercial scale in the Dominion.

Owing to the destruction caused by the liparis monacha, a moth which ravages large tracts of coniferous woods, the Czechoslovak Forestry Department has decided to fight it by means of lead and arsenic compound dropped from aeroplanes.

The "strike" of doctors at Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, ended when, after the Committee had withdrawn the proposed alterations to the rules which led the doctors to resign, the doctors responded by withdrawing their resignations.

According to a report from Ganges, British Columbia, the wife of a Japanese fisherman, named Tasaka, has just given birth to a 23rd child, making 23 children in 25 years, 17 of whom are living. Tasaka had previously contracted four childless marriages.

In the Canadian House of Commons, Mr. Church, member for North-East Toronto, asked what flag would be flown over the Canadian Legation in Washington. Mr. Lapointe, Minister of Justice, said, in reply:—"The same flag as that flown over the Canadian building in London."

A Melbourne Correspondent states that the Senate has unanimously agreed to the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the state of the film industry in Australia. The original proposal introduced on a private motion, was that a Royal Commission should be set up.

The body of the man found on January 12 in an excavation in the Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, which was believed to be that of an Englishman named Parker, has now been identified as that of an American named Mckley. It is suspected that Mckley was robbed and murdered.

The number of French disabled men in receipt of war pensions on January 1 was 708,501, classified as follows: Arm and leg injuries, 404,506; lungs, 235,884; eyes, 27,281 (of whom 2,588 are blind); ears, 17,730 (of whom 4,388 are deaf); mental disorders, 14,502; and facial injuries, 8,588.

Nineteen golden wedding couples, whose combined ages totalled 2,767, were entertained at the house of a local boot manufacturer at the village of Earl Shilton, near Hinckley, Leicestershire. The King and Queen sent a message of cordial good wishes, which was read when all were assembled.

A man who won £15,800 in the Calcutta Sweep eight years ago appeared for his bankruptcy examination at Canterbury. He was Mr. Emil Russ, lately living at Herne Bay. He estimated a surplus of assets over liabilities, which amount to £2,746, but the Official Receiver said he was afraid the assets were more or less illusory. Russ agreed that he had been living at the rate of £2,000 a year. The examination was closed.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR MAY, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
May 20	5.41	6.53
" 21	5.41	6.53
" 22	5.41	6.53
" 23	5.41	6.53
" 24	5.40	6.59
" 25	5.40	7.00
" 26	5.40	7.01
" 27	5.40	7.01
" 28	5.39	7.02
" 29	5.39	7.02
" 30	5.39	7.02
" 31	5.39	7.03

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INWARD MAILS.

From	FRIDAY, MAY	Per
Japan & Shanghai	20	Kashima Maru.
Shanghai	21	Luchow.
Europe via Negapatam (letters & papers London 21st April)	21	Kumsang.
Shanghai	21	Suiyang.
Straits	21	Automedon.
Manila	22	Pres. Cleveland.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	23	Pres. Madis n.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	23	Pres. Harrison.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	24	Taiyo Maru.
Japan	24	Mishima Maru.
Japan & Shanghai	24	Athos II.
Saigon	27	Angers.
Shanghai	27	Morea.
Straits	29	Hakozaki Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	FRIDAY, MAY	Per
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 4 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	20	Santhia.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 20th June. G.P.O.—Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. K.P.O.—Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters (21st) 9 a.m.	20	Kashima Maru.
Shanghai	21	Linan.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow & Halphong	21	Song Bo.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	23	Kweichow.
Saigon	23	Szechuen.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria R.C.—due Victoria B.C. 17th June. Parcels Noon. Registration 3.45 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m.	23	Yuan Jeng.
Amoy	22	Protesilaus.
*Swatow & Bangkok	22	Antung.
Swatow, Amoy & Keelung	22	Kwangchow.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 16th June & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	23	Hozan Maru.
Straits	23	President Cleveland.
Manila	23	Kwai Sang.
Amoy	23	President Harrison.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Halphong	24	Kumsang.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	24	Hanoi.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	24	Berengar.
	24	Hai Hong.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

"PEKING OR BURST."

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BOXER MONEY.

Not Likely To Be Used To Pay Compensation.

London, May 19. In the House of Commons, replying to Capt. G. K. Peto (Conservative), Mr. G. Lockyer Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that £11,750,000 stood at the credit of the China Indemnity Fund. It was very doubtful whether the fund could be applied to paying compensation to British nationals who had suffered losses at the hands of the Chinese Southern forces. It was also contrary to the tenor of the Advisory Committee's recommendations.—Reuter.

MR. CHEN'S REPLY.

Hankow Presumably a Model Government.

Rugby, May 19. In his reply to the Note in which was announced the withdrawal from Hankow of Mr. Basil Newton as representative of the British Minister in Peking, Mr. Eugene Chen, the Hankow Foreign Minister, repels the allegation that those for whom he speaks have failed to make good their claim to govern in accordance with the standards of responsible government.—British Wireless Service.

The Old Bogy.

Shanghai, May 20. Mr. Eugene Chen, replying to Mr. Basil Newton's letter says that however sincere the British Government's appreciation of Chinese ideals may be it is only by statesmanship born of knowledge and wisdom that it will be able to meet Chinese aspirations. Mr. Chen proceeds to insinuate that the presence of the British Defence Force at Shanghai is responsible for all that has occurred in the Yangtze area.—Reuter.

REPORT OF THE REICHSTAG COMMITTEE.
Berlin, May 19. "Frightfulness" unrestricted was justified according to the Reichstag Committee whose report has been issued after a seven-year enquiry into breaches of international law. U-boat warfare was justified as a reprisal for the "illegal" British blockade; gas also was legal and air-raids on London defended on the ground that arsenals are situated there and in the vicinity. Moreover they occurred on Sundays or at night-time when the city was empty of its population. The Committee is of the opinion that the policy of reprisals was mainly responsible for the violations of international law. Prisoners of war were not treated by any army in accordance with law. The Committee is divided in regard to the deportation of 70,000 Belgian workers but finds that armed resistance on the part of Belgian civilians did not accord with the Hague Convention. Another Committee is examining the violation of Belgian Neutrality.—Reuter.

Earlier Hankow News.

Shanghai, May 19. A wireless message from Hankow, dated the 19th inst., reports continued uneasiness among the Chinese, who are crowding in with luggage to the foreign districts. Anti-Red troops are concentrated at the Chinese racecourse just outside the City. Clashes with the "Reds" are expected at any time. Other anti-Red troops are 20 miles off from Hankow. General Chiang Kai-shek, Shanghai, May 19. Chiang Kai-shek has returned to Nanking.—Reuter.

MORE AMERICAN FLOODS.

Peoria, Ill., May 19. From five to 15 persons are believed to have been drowned in a cloudburst which flooded the surrounding lowlands.—Reuter's American Service.
Dam Collapses.
Idaho Falls, May 19. The pent up torrent freed by the collapse of the Gros Ventre natural dam in North Western Wyoming flooded the town of Wilson which has a population of 500. The Chinese settlement at Kelly was swept away and eight people drowned.—Reuter's American Service.

MISSING AIRMEN.

BRITISH WARSHIP'S FRUITLESS SEARCH.

BOTTLE MESSAGE SEQUEL.

London, May 19. A destroyer has left Queenstown to search the sea west of Cape Clear in consequence of the reported finding of the bottle mentioned yesterday.—Reuter.

French Dou'is.

Paris, May 19.

The story of the finding of a bottle message from Captain Nun-



CAPT. CHARLES NUNGESSER

gesser is regarded here as very improbable.—Reuter.

Search Fruitless.

Later.

The destroyer which has been searching for Captain Nungesser has returned to Queenstown and has reported that it saw no sign of the missing airmen.—Reuter.

Lloyd's correspondent at the Lizard reported that a mysterious message had been picked up in a bottle, purporting to be signed by the missing French trans-Atlantic airmen, Captain Nungesser. It was picked up at Porthkerry, near Falmouth. The message said: "Landed 75 miles latitude off Ireland with engine trouble."

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HUSBAND'S DEATH.

MURDERERS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

New York, May 13.

Mrs. Ruth Snyder and her paramour, Henry Judd Gray, who were convicted last Monday of murdering Mrs. Snyder's husband, Albert Snyder, art director of the magazine "Motor Boating" were sentenced to death to-day. They are to die by electrocution at Sing Sing prison during the week of June 20. Neither showed emotion when the sentence was announced. Appeal from the sentence, which is compulsory under the law, is expected. It would require about six months for the court of appeals to rule in the case. This automatically stays the execution for the present.

Gray was a corset salesman and has a wife and young daughter in East Orange, N. J., his home. Mrs. Snyder before her marriage was her husband's stenographer. It was charged she and her lover conspired to kill her husband. That they got him intoxicated at a party and after he had retired chloroformed him, beat him to death and tied his body to the bed with wire.

TO END IT ALL.

Believed to be insane, a Chinese woman was arrested yesterday when she attempted to jump into the harbour. At the station she collapsed after telling a pitiful story about having no means of supporting her six children. Consequently she said she had decided to end it all. She was removed to the hospital.

ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Going out of his depth while bathing at Kennedy Town yesterday, a Chinese youth had a narrow escape from drowning. He was rescued with difficulty by his companions and was taken to the hospital.

"WITCH DOCTOR'S" ARREST.

Described as a witch doctor, a Chinese has been arrested by the police on a charge of larceny of \$250 by a trick. The victim is said to be a widow who had consulted the accused. The money has been recovered by the police.

KOWLOON HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Chinese woman was attacked by three highway men in Austin Road last night and relieved of money and jewellery worth \$125.

PLANE BURNS IN THE AIR.

Jackson, Miss., May 13. A Government airplane en route to Washington from Kelly Field, near San Antonio, Texas, suddenly burst into flames near here to-day while in midair. Lieutenant George S. Finch, a passenger, parachuted to safety. Pilot David M. Gosey brought the blazing plane to a safe landing and also escaped.

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